

Thank you your honor, my name is Dan Dawdy, and its an honor to be here, I first want to thank everyone for their time and energy making it to the hearing today.

In these times of supposed limited government please help me understand such a stance as our current policy, with this civil liberty eroding policy, and heavy handed regulation of personal gardening, personal possession, or personal consumption by a patient of a plant that is nontoxic? Medical marijuana is a perfect example of big government, bureaucracy, running right over the very citizens it is to protect and serve. I am not asking for patient voted medicine as some will mislead you to believe rather I am asking you to clear the roadblocks enacted by government to essentially ban a plant and any of its uses.

I am here to encourage and spur conversation around medical cannabis and the perceived need to threaten patients with government goons.

The DEA's (Drug Enforcement Agency)Administrative Law Judge, Francis Young concluded:

- "In strict medical terms marijuana is far safer than many foods we commonly consume. For example, eating 10 raw potatoes can result in a toxic response. By comparison, it is physically impossible to eat enough marijuana to induce death. Marijuana in its natural form is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man. By any measure of rational analysis marijuana can be safely used within the supervised routine of medical care."

Source: US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency, [In the Matter of Marijuana Rescheduling Petition](#). [Docket #86-22], (September 6, 1988), p. 57.

The DEA has clearly held medical cannabis from the public, while a very small select group of federal, that is right I said federal, medical marijuana patients still to this day receives a metal tin with 8-9 ounces of marijuana every 25 days for medical treatment. Though this program has also been blocked to any further patients in a cruel twist of politics.

Aspirin gets touted as a wonder drug, new cancer drugs that damage the very bodies it is to protect are touted every year, while critics challenge the medicinal effects of cannabis, a natural plant used safely for centuries! One cigarette's-worth of nicotine is enough to make a toddler severely ill. 10 mg of nicotine for a child could mean death. Nearly a hundred thousand deaths from FDA approved drugs last year.

We can carry a gun, we can drink and smoke, we can purchase hundreds of over the counter medications, and we still find it necessary to penalize a patient for making a safer choice. I say its time we re-evaluate our policy.

There is no need to have one more day pass where the State of Kansas threatens the sick with arrest, criminal record, asset forfeiture, loss of child custody, fines, and more, over some Jim Crow laws!!! Its time we stop the harms caused by the barbaric, prohibitionist, Jim Crow laws criminalizing a group of otherwise law abiding patients. Alcohol isn't helping any patients, cannabis can. If recommended by a doctor, please don't stand in the way of safe, effective patient care any longer.