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A little over seventeen years ago, a friend shared a fantastic toké off of his very tall water pipe. My life changed forever. I had just graduated high school and I was exploring and learning to make new, important decisions about my life. I was against marijuana strictly because of the information that I was given in the classroom by programs like D.A.R.E., which informed me that marijuana possession was illegal. I was against it only because it was “illegal,” but I drank alcohol underage in high school.

After I enjoyed the affects of my first cannabis experience, I realized that I had found something uniquely beneficial. Instead of drinking alcohol, I could smoke cannabis and still function. It helped me sleep, it relieved menstrual discomfort, it helped me study, it reduced my anxiety and depression, it alleviated my pain from crippling migraines, and I had a more predictable appetite. I have never suffered from debilitating side effects when using cannabis, as I have when drinking alcohol.

Now that I am older and a mother of three children, all under the age of eleven, I find cannabis helps me deal with the isolation of parenthood and it reduces my anxiety as a returning student. Cannabis continues to relieve menstrual and migraine discomfort, as well as, decrease my insomniac episodes.

Reflecting back to my experiences as a cannabis patient in California, I appreciated being able to utilize local dispensary resources and felt safe and protected in doing so. Our move to Kansas was quite shocking! It has been exciting to watch local attitudes change and see individuals stand together to bring about legislative movements in order to change the strict penalties facing cannabis users who also produce and sell their medicinal products. As four year resident of the great state of Kansas, I am a proponent of HB 2330 and hereby submit this testimony as my endorsement.

Most Sincerely,

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