

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and members of the committee-

Thank you so much for letting me speak today.

My name is Racheal Robinson and I support this bill HF600.

I am a 70% disabled combat veteran, a Social worker grad student, a wife and mother to two small daughters as well as a medical cannabis patient. I served honorably for 16 years in the MN National Guard (Both Army and Air) which included a 16-month deployment to Iraq.

In all my time in service, I came across many dangerous and life changing experiences and substances. However, I can assure you that the cannabis plant is one of the safest and most beneficial plants I have ever encountered. Now, I am not a health professional but I would like you to consider this-

Your body has a cardiovascular system, a nervous system, etc, as well as an endocannabinoid system. This can be verified by multiple studies, including the global leader in cannabis research, The University of Jerusalem located in the holy and ancient City, as well as the National Institute of Health and other prestigious institutions, such as Harvard Medical School. The Federal government holds US Patent #6630507 B1 explaining the benefits of cannabinoids as antioxidants and neuron-protectants. (There are multiple options of intaking the medicine- such as capsules, oils and sprays)

For those who do not know, The cannabis plant contains cannabinoids and terpenes that are received by your body's cannabinoid receptors which then brings your body into homeostasis by reducing pain, inflammation, anxiety, depression, and boosting mood and overall hormonal balance. Again, I am not a medical professional, but I have done extensive research on this life changing plant. Since becoming a medical cannabis patient for combat-related back and shoulder injury's and Post Traumatic Stress, I have gotten my life back, able to play and have fun with my daughters, increased brain functioning, quit drinking alcohol and in much better health! Furthermore, it is virtually impossible to overdose on a cannabis plant, since it is VITAL for healthy bodily function and regulation.

To deny humans the basic rights to use a PLANT that has been used for millennia for medicinal and recreational use, is also denying their choice of health and wellness freedom. I do not take any pharmaceutical drugs. I personally trust medicinal plants that are real, God-given, and grow for free over a chemical drug that is man-made in a lab while pharmaceutical companies profit off my ill-health.

I served for 16 years to protect the freedoms of my fellow Americans while in uniform, and I will continue to fight for the freedom of choice to utilize and receive the many benefits of this plant that the Universe/God has bestowed upon us.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Racheal Robinson.