Hello, I am writing to you today in the hopes that you will make the right decision for the people of Minnesota regrading legalizing marijuana. I definitely think it is time for Minnesota to legalize marijuana. I would like to share my story and how marijuana has changed my life. About three years ago I got into a really bad car accident. A driver who was texting and driving ran a red light and hit me on the driver side where I was. Luckily I was the only one in the car and no one else was hurt. I had a concussion three broken ribs and a broken arm and many other injuries. I have always been against prescribed pain medication. I know how easy it is to get addicted to them and how they can destroy your life. So that definitely wasn't an option for me. I had to find different methods to cope with my pain. I did a lot of research and I came across marijuana of course I had no idea of where I could even get some here. I had my husband drive me to Colorado where I tried marijuana for the first time and it completely changed my life for the better. It made my pain manageable.I was able to function day-to-day with work and school and I wasn't in bed all day with excruciating pain. Of course it's unrealistic for me to drive to Colorado every time I need marijuana. I had to find someone who sold it here. But of course it comes with many risks. You don't know where it comes from you truly don't know the people who sell it. I am always scared that I might get robbed or worse things could happen. I hope you take this into consideration when you are making a decision. Not only will it benefit many people it will also benefit the state in general. Having a safe place to buy marijuana would be life-changing for me. I would know where it's coming from, it would be regulated and taxed. It would bring many benefits to the beautiful people of Minnesota! Thank you so much for your time.

Thank you for your time Gloria Ponce