

My name is Rebecca Southwick. I'm 62 years old. I have Fibromyalgia and RSD. I have been on a lot of different medications for fibromyalgia. The side effects from the pills caused more problems than good.

About 6 years ago I was in a horrible flare up. High pain level, anxiety and insomnia. I couldn't get anything to help me with the flare. A friend brought me some oil she bought in Colorado. I was nervous to try it. An hour after I tried the oil I was up and getting my house clean. The pain and anxiety was gone. I was able to sleep at night.

I decided to stop taking 20+ pills a day. I'm down to two tramadol a day plus cannabis. I can't afford the Minnesota cannabis program. I'm not able to make the drive to the few dispensaries we have in the state. Too long of a drive for me with this illness. I buy black market. It's cheaper and I can drive a mile or two to pick it up. My life is so much better since I made the change over to cannabis.

Another problem is my husband, who is an Army Veteran isn't allowed to use cannabis. My husband has health issues. He can't use it in the winter either when he is off work. He works road construction. His employer still does random drug testing in the winter. But it's ok for them to drink alcohol. My husband and I don't drink or party. I believe this is discrimination against anyone needing to use cannabis for health reasons.

Thank you for your time and help. Rebecca Southwick...