



To: Chairs Sen. Lindsey Port, and Rep. Zach Stephenson, as well as Conference Committee members of the Senate; Sen. Rasmussen, Sen. Pha, Sen. Oumou Verbeten, Sen. Murphy, and Conference Committee members of the House; Rep. Kozlowski, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Hollins, and Rep. West.

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Subject: Cannabis Provisions modifications made in Conference Committee 5/15/23

My name is Kayla Fearing, and I have testified in front of many of you this legislation session in regards to HF 100 and SF 73. You've heard me give you statistics, patient statements, and overall facts about Cannabis use. I have offered to come meet with ALL OF YOU, and advocate for my patients- Rep. Nolan West was the only one to take me up on my offer, and heard my concerns. This is why it is EXTREMELY frustrating as a Minnesotan who has been supportive of these bills, for this Conference Committee to pull the "old bait and switch," on Minnesotans when it comes to "Home grow" possessions and limits-

I must ask... Are you trying to end the black market, or continue one, to keep cannabis a crime and profit?

The provisions accepted in the conference committee on 5/15/23 of the 11th Engrossment of HF 100, will make Recovering Addicts, individuals with Autism, Athletes, Grandparents, Tribal members, etc. all Felons, if they have a "green thumb." Those same people, have been the patients I've advocated for all session. Today made it seem like this is just another passive aggressive "shush" law, to get the policies DONE, but NOT DONE WELL. These aren't people attempting to traffic. These are patients attempting to find relief. Every BODY is different, and that makes everyone's personal amount of cannabis use different. These are the same people who voted for all of you- Bipartisan patients that want relief from cannabis in their home state of Minnesota. Please consider this before finalizing this bill.

In our Minnesota State Constitution, it states, Article 13, Section 7- "NO LICENSE REQUIRED TO PEDDLE. Any person may sell or peddle the products of the farm, OR GARDEN occupied, and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor." Why are politicians treating Minnesotans like traffickers and criminals, when WE'VE HAD THE RIGHT to grow, since 1857?

We, as Minnesotans, and Cannabusinesses, proved July of 2022 to now, that we're responsible cannabis and cannabinoids product users, in an UNREGULATED MARKET. Please, consider how only giving home growers ONE POUND is insulting to a Cultivators craft. One indoor cannabis plant can produce more than one pound. Let the skilled Minnesotan growers, breeders, and cultivators, or just regular people, prove their craft like you allowed Brewers to do. Or, any of Farmer in the State of Minnesota. Quit supporting Corporate out of State Cannabis Businesses OVER Minnesotans.

These limitations transform Minnesotans into criminals when they're trying to grow their own medicine- a medicine that needs little to no alterations to produce healthcare benefits; The criminals are politicians that implement unrealistic numbers, not the elderly couple growing, on the corner of ALL our blocks.



Last year, Illinois made \$1.8 Billion Dollars in Adult Use Cannabis Sales. Michigan made \$2.3 Billion Dollars in Adult Use Cannabis Sales- December 2022 was a record setting \$221 MILLION. If Minnesota legislators continue to THINK that Minnesotans aren't accessing Cannabis, in other legal markets themselves, you're far from wrong. These are the Adult Use patients and consumers that have "feared" to grow for themselves, so they risk their freedoms planning tourism in legal cannabis states, and bringing product home for their medications. (The same thing happened in the 1990's with prescription drugs, and tourism).

If we adopt an Adult Use Recreational program, then limit our Minnesotans who choose to home grow, we will continue to be laughed at by other legal Midwestern states. Many Minnesotans who CHOOSE to shop recreationally, SHOULD, be on a medical cannabis program; However, due to the stigma of Cannabis in our society, Veterans, Doctors, Politicians, Teachers, Clergy, etc. all choose to shop recreationally instead, and self-diagnose and medicate. That is the reality of this industry. All these people should HAVE THE RIGHT to grow and store more than one pound of cannabis for their personal use, or to gift. It saves the patient money, cross contamination concerns, and above all else, one is producing their own medicine for a higher quality of life-

Isn't that what passing laws is all about? Giving citizens a higher, or better quality of life?

If you put in place possession limits that are naive, and treat Minnesotans like we're uneducated on a plant that we should all grow at home ourselves- You will continue to create an illicit market. I have watched it happen with my own eyes, and have checked the out of state ID, and taken the CASH with my own hands, and wished the individual SAFE TRAVELS. No state is going to enforce something that makes them \$4.1 Billion Dollars? (That's Illinois and Michigan combined). Keep Minnesotans from having to become criminals for searching out medicine- Let us grow our own with realistic possessions and limitations. Not fear crafted data. **Please increase the home grow possession from ONE POUND to at least THREE POUNDS, before finalizing HF 100/ SF 73.**

Keep Minnesotan Money, IN Minnesota with SMART laws when it comes to Adult use cannabis legalization. Keep Adult Minnesotans, of all backgrounds, out of the legal system for wanting to grow a plant that is a better alternative to any opioid, alcohol or over the counter medication.

We as Minnesotans deserve to choose AND GROW our medicine, and not be a criminal because of it.

Thank you for taking into consideration ALL Minnesotans hoping to benefit from legalization.

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