

To Whom it may concern, My name is Ernesto Isac Leon

I live in Red lake falls, Mn I work at American crystal Sugar in Crookston, MN I have my Minnesota cannabis card. I got hired in November it took a while because they had to talk with my Dr. (Dr. Dodson) and to the pharmacist at the dispensary in Moorehead (Green Goods). I gave them a copy of my medical card and my prescriptions before I got hired. Then a few weeks ago I got called in to the office and my supervisor asked me for a UA and I gave it but I also mentioned my cannabis card and that the UA will have THC I am now on unpaid suspension. I am prescribed cannabis because I broke my neck (c5, and c6) years ago I was first prescribed opiates, I got very addicted to the opiates, I then started using much harder drugs. I have been sober from opiates and hard drugs for over 2 years, but I still suffer from the chronic pain due to my neck injury. I never want to be on opiates ever again I feel like cannabis is the safest pain medication out there for me, yet it interferes with my employment which I do not understand why, because if I was on opiates they wouldn't be giving me as hard of a time when cannabis is way safer to use and be working. I am fully capable of using my cannabis at home and still performing my work duties in a safe manner at my job, I should not be punished for taking my medicine as prescribed. I have been to prison in the past but I have completely turned my life around. I just want to live my life the right way and be able to take my medicine without fear of consequences at work or getting in any kind of trouble. I need to be able to support my family but right now because I am on unpaid suspension I can't draw unemployment or work. I should not have been suspended they do not suspend other people who are prescribed narcotics so why is my prescribed cannabis not ok.