

My name is Alexis Bortell and I am here to testify for SB19-013. I am a 13 year old medical cannabis refugee, daughter of two US veterans, and a plaintiff in the Federal Cannabis Lawsuit Washington Vs. Whitaker. I'm also Co-Owner of OneLuv Organics and Patches of Hope where we grow organic food on our farm for homeless and hungry people in Colorado.

First, I want to thank you. A few years ago in Texas I was losing a battle with epilepsy but I was able to relocate to Colorado where I got access to cannabis and today I am almost four years seizure free thanks to cannabis. Notice I didn't say CBD and that's not a mistake.

So, the question some of you may be asking yourself is: "Why is she here? People with epilepsy already have access".

In a way that is part of my point. If you take away all the labels, product advertisements, trade shows, so-called experts, and tax policies in medical cannabis what's left?

The answer is patients like me, our families, and our desire for relief no matter what our "condition" is.

Colorado law already says that cannabis can be recommended as a medicine by doctors.

My point is that every patient should have equal access to every medicine our doctor thinks can improve our lives.

I should never have better healthcare than other patients because a politician thinks I should or because my illness makes me part of some chosen group or class.


You've done your part. You've given our doctors legal access to a powerful and safe agriculture-based medicine that almost anyone can safely grow or buy. The rest is (and should be) on us, the Colorado citizens.

Again, I support this bill but I am asking all of you a bigger question:

Do cannabis patients like me have equal liberty and freedoms to you?

If so, I'm asking you to help me abolish the qualifying conditions list so our doctors can finally do their jobs and we cannabis patients and our families can focus on our recovery.

Thank you.



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