

In SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

RAISED HB 6566 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPASSIONATE USE OF MARIJUANA

SB 1015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA

Dear Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brandi Hall. I work for Johnson & Stewart Community Center where Ms. Marie L. Kirkley-Bey is the Executive Director. I am in support the Palliative use of Marijuana.

The reason why I feel so strong about this legislation is because I have a family member suffering from AIDS. I see the pain she go through on a regular basis. She also suffers from Colon Cancer. Her medical condition puts her makes her pain unmanageable. The medications she takes prescribed by her doctor makes her feel worst then the illness it 's self.

Marijuana she said, "Doesn't just take the pain away, but it puts her mind to rest." I have seen her before and after she uses medicinal marijuana. I have seen the differences in her movements; she stops moaning and starts smiling.

It is great to see her not in pain and not thinking about her illness even if it is for a few hours.

Some people like myself hate taking pills and God forbid that I get an illness. I don't want to take pills that make me feel worst then the illness itself. Where would that leave me in my time of suffering?

I don't take Advil or Tylenol for a headache, because of my inability to swallow pills without gagging.

Marijuana should be allowed as a smoking medicine. We have pills and IVs. Why not a medicine that comes in a nature substance. It should be my doctor's and my choice not anyone else's.

The sentence, "No person who has been convicted of possession of Marijuana or for dealing drugs shall serve as a primary care giver for a qualifying patient" should be removed because it will hinder access to treatment for so many people in my community.

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