

Raised Bill 1064, Legalize Pediatric Use of Medical Marijuana, 03/13/2015

My name is Catrina Meehan. I am a little nervous talking here.

I have moved wherever my mom moves, except now, where she lives in Maine. The schools are not so great, compared to my school here in Connecticut. I am 14, but really, because Cyndimae's needs are so different than most kids, in a lot of ways, I am still my mom's baby girl. I like to have her home to do my hair, and I love to braid my mom's hair. Until she had to leave me in Connecticut, and take Cyndimae to Maine, I kissed and hugged my mom every night of my life.

I just want my family in one place. I feel like a kid in a major family divorce with pieces of my life everywhere. In Connecticut, I have Auntie Mary – she is like the family Aunt to all, and mommy to none. As much as I want to be with Auntie Mary, I also want to be with my mom, but I cannot right now. Because of the injustice of laws in our state and our country, I can never have my family in one place. *Even my dad cannot be here with Cyndimae today.*

I have grown up believing this is a "free country." This is not fair, and I think justice is supposed to be fair and "just." Marijuana has saved my baby sister's life. It is not bad when used right. Please free my sister and my mom. What our laws have done to my family is unjust. Fix it. Now.

Thank you very much for your time.

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