

Honorable Representatives, Senators, Connecticut Citizens, thank you for your time. My name is Corrine Meehan and I am one of Cyndimae's older sisters.

The bill that is being discussed today would make it possible for my family to be reunited. When my mom's only option left was to become a medical marijuana refugee in Maine, I moved up with her to help out with Cyndimae and be there when extra hands were needed. That was the middle of my sophomore year. Up in Maine, I made new friends, and started to enjoy my new school, but where we were staying didn't work out. Since my mom didn't want to take me out of school twice in one year, we lived in an RV for the last three months of the year. It was very stressful in such a small space with Cyndi's needs, but we dealt with it. For the summer, I came back down to Connecticut for my summer job and some time with the friends and family that I have down here. Now, I attend high school on an online program so that I can more easily be where my family needs me. I can be with my mom, and I can travel to Connecticut to be with my dad, aunt, and sisters.

Since Cyndi has been on medical marijuana she has had many "first times." She held my hand and linked both of our fingers by herself. She holds herself up when I give her piggy back rides. She identifies her shapes with less hesitation than ever. She is awake. She is living.

It's really rough being separated constantly from my siblings, my parents, and my little cousins that are really close with all of us. Especially when Cyndi is improving so much on medical marijuana. Watching her improve as much as she has, has been amazing and spectacular and what would make it even better is if my family were able to share it with each other in person instead of through phones and computers. Please let my family be together again by allowing this medicine to be legal for people of all ages. Thank you.

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