

Dear Senator Gerratanna, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Susan Corrice and I am a private citizen in Oakdale, CT. I am writing today in regard to SB 5450. I am outraged. I believe very strongly that the age should be reduced in CT for allowing the medical usage of Palliative Medical Marijuana for children under 18 years whose Doctor's have prescribed it to prevent life threatening illnesses and seizures. These children have real medical conditions diagnosed by qualified physicians and are not using it as a drug to "get high for the fun of it". It prevents seizures and gives them a better quality of life. It comes in pill or oil form. If any one of you had a child that suffered from seizures all day every day that could reduce those seizures to one or two a week, you would fight for that right. I have seen the difference that this medication (not illegal drug) can do for a child with seizure disorder. To go from seizing and slumping over with head drops every few minutes, to making eye contact, walking, learning and having a more normal life. All because of the cannabis oil they are prescribed in another state where it is legal. It is unfair to force a family to uproot their child and the rest of their family and move to another state to obtain the legal medication their child needs to live, just because you don't understand how it works. It is unethical to allow children to suffer needlessly, or force them to use more lethal "legal" medications that do not help because you do not like the fact that it comes from the Marijuana plant. If medical doctors across this country have found it to be less harmful and more successful than the legal drugs to prevent seizures, then it is up to this legislature to pass this bill to allow children with true life threatening medical conditions as diagnosed by their doctors to take this medication legally in CT. Let these children come home, and don't make more families become refugees from this state in the future because their children need life saving cannabis. These children are not using it recreationally. How dare we withhold the medication they need just because some people are confusing it with the kind of marijuana that people get high on as an illegal drug?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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