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Hello Judiciary committee

i support people being able grow their own food, medicine and clothes. Especially with rising cost of food, medicine, clothes, and lower quality it is important to grow our own. I do believe marijuana should be seen as food, medicine, and clothing, not a drug. More education is needed for this highly nutritious plant that is good for people in many ways.

People worry about how regulate people that grow their own fearing dosage. States responsibility to ensure safety in products is important. But how to regulate home growers raises fear in some, but personal choice of how be safe can't be regulated by state. People are given choice how to use alcohol, ex how much to drink at times too much, making there own without regulation and at times dangerously mixing it with home pharmaceuticals creating toxic effects, etc.) but with all that alcohol still legal. Further marijuana safer than alcohol, no overdose deaths, so important to stop treating it as evil because of years of false information.

Legalizing should come with education so people know facts , safety , and not just hypothetical fears. It is important to educate public on health and safety to make this plant usefull again because too many years misinformation was and is still spread about this plant being bad and it is not.

I'm a vegan who wants grow my own food, medicine, and clothing from plants. i also have PTSD from loosing my sister because connecticut doctors mistreated and neglected her and overdosed her on pharmaceuticals when all she liked using was plants to heal. I want people to be able have access to healthy affordable food, medicine, and clothing. Allowing people access and ability to grow marijuana and hemp organically would help the world be healthier in many ways economically, socially, and environmentally.

thankyou for you for listening to my testimony
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Another hearing regarding cannabis legalization! This one will be heard by the Judiciary committee and includes agricultural hemp.

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10:00 AM
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