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Greetings members of the General Assembly, thank you for your time. I am writing to you today in favor of Raised Bill 1085. I do greatly favor this proposed bill, however I do have some concerns. I am currently a patient of the States medical cannabis program and a registered dispensary technician as well. One of my concerns, lies in section 2, regarding the proposed possession limit of 1.5 ounces with the stipulation that only 5 grams be in the form of cannabis concentrate. Firstly, I personally feel as though that may be too small a limit for some, particularly those with higher tolerances and/or with high amounts of pain, whose causing conditions may not be approved qualifying conditions in our state for the Medical Cannabis Program yet, or those who may be able to qualify, but unable to afford entrance into the medical cannabis program due to financial difficulties. I'm worried that people may need more product than this to get them through on their monthly budget. Secondly, I have concerns with the 5 gram limit imposed in the form of cannabis concentrates. I personally feel as though this concentrate limit is arbitrary, allowing law enforcement the ability to harass otherwise law abiding individuals, unnecessarily, simply so they can fulfill the 'arrest quota' for the day/week/month/year, whichever is most applicable. I think the limit in concentrate form should AT LEAST equal HALF the total possession limit (as it does take roughly twice as much cannabis to make the same amount of concentrate), but I truly believe there should be no restrictions on the form of the cannabis. Whatever the possession limit is set to, that should be the maximum amount (in ANY form) of cannabis that can legally be possessed by a person.

I propose the possession limit for both the medical program and recreational program be set to 4 ounces. Many months I have been left for weeks without medicine only because I have been waiting for my allotment (monthly allowed amount) to reset.

While I applaud the use of scanner technology to detect fraudulent identification, I'm uncertain of the wording and intent with the recording of a consumers name, DOB, identification number, and expiration date. What does that information need to be recorded for? And whom would have access to said information? I move that data from said scanners NOT be recorded, but rather only used to ensure the validity of an individuals identification.

While I 100% applaud the proposed ability for those previously or currently incarcerated for cannabis crimes under less than 1.5 ounces be able to apply for expungements of their records, however as I stated earlier, I believe that limit should be moved closer to 4 ounces and therefore cannabis crimes under 4 ounces should be able to apply for expungements.

I love that under this bill anyone who wants to, could apply to be a cannabis cultivator, however I feel as though a consumer and/or medical patient should be able to grow a small garden for personal use, without having to apply for a permit or license, in the amount of not more than 10 plants per person. I feel as that number is adequate to keep a constant supply for one patients/consumers needs, especially if those needs involve the raw cannabis plant. It would

also allow those patients/consumers to ensure that a particular strain, which may suit their needs best, is ALWAYS available to them. A consistency that is currently, SEVERELY LACKING in our current medical program.

I move that Section 2, Subsection 2, as well as Section 6, Subsection A, be stricken from the proposed bill. I move Section 6 Subsection B, to be amended to include small scale home grow, co-ops, and gifting between adults who are within the possession limit, regardless if it was purchased from a retail facility.

I also move the pronoun 'his' be replaced with the pronoun 'their' through this entire proposed bill, in order to prevent gender being brought into question whatsoever.

Overall, I support the legalization of adult use cannabis and cannabis products. However, I feel as though we should do our due diligence to prevent only wealthy large scale grow ops from taking over this industry, and should instead ensure protection and inclusion of the lower socioeconomic spectrum, who may benefit most from access to this life saving plant.
Thank you for you time, I sincerely hope you will take my concerns into consideration while discussing this proposed bill.

Respectfully, -Jennifer Lascko, Andover Ct resident.

Sent from my iPhone