Good morning,

My name is Melissa Bardell. I am a medical marijuana program patient in the state of Connecticut. I am writing today in regards to SB 16- The Act Concerning The Adult Use of Cannabis. I want to ensure that this act will establish the right to grow an individual amount of cannabis.

Patients like myself deserve to have the right to grow cannabis. We should always be encouraging agricultural initiatives as it encourages self sufficiency. A compassionate care patient could be taught to grow and be able to get the medicine they need for much less cost. Grow rights helps the patient who is disabled and cannot go out to the dispensary but wants a sense of independence. Grow rights help those who need access to a certain strain at all times. It is tough to be at the mercy of the growers to decide which medicine gets produced when. Lastly, grow rights allow people to become more knowledgeable and impassioned in their healing. There’s so many benefits to the cannabis plant beyond the buds and people deserve to have the whole plant benefits if they want them.

Thank you for your time and I hope you’ll consider including home grow rights in SB-16. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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