From: Keith Rowe <<u>goyanks7183@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 1:10 PM To: Maxine Grad Subject: Fwd: Cannabis and Vermont.

As your committee takes a look at S.241 this week on Wednesday. Please contact me let me know if you have the time to discuss this matter. I would like to show you some information about cannabis. We believe that fixing the medical cannabis program first before legalization happens is utterly important to all of the medical cannabis patients in Vermont. If Vermont is not able to have a good medical cannabis program first then why allow for recreational activities to happen. Vermont medical cannabis program was started in 2004 and now in 2016 has still made limited progress into helping the patient on it. It is sad that vermont would rather reap money from cannabis recreational activities before helping the patient on the Vermont marijuana registry program first. Before investing in research into the potential medical benefits of cannabis sativa Especially when we have the 7th oldest medical university in the USA here in Vermont. This bill ask for money to pay for the start of it. Now that is bad business because it does not guarantee that cannabis investors and others will be able to grow cannabis for the people of Vermont and see it bare fruit. Then the remainder of many unanswered questions surrounding the bill and landscape and many other uncertainty that The Senate did not look at. I ask for some of your time to here from us. We are the parents of the youngest child in Vermont on the Vermont marijuana registry program and due to the fact that Vermont has done little to change the medical cannabis program first it is of great importance to us to share with you about this topic. Thank you Keith Rowe

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Dear legislator Grad.

I am writing to you because I have a vested interest in what Vermont is doing with the Bill S. 241. I am probably one of the most educated people around Vermont in regards to cannabis. I have a daughter who suffers from Dravet Syndrome and gene mutation scn2a. I have been studying cannabis sativa L for medical purposes for some time now. I have several years of experience around cannabis sativa L. I have a network of people who are educated in cannabis across the country. I also follow the Laws in Many states because cannabis is a hot topic not only in Vermont but across the country. I would like to sit down with you before you and your committee of the House Judiciary committee takes up the bill S 241.

We as the parents of the youngest child in Vermont on the Vermont marijuana registry program believe that Vermont has a huge issue. One that medical marijuana program here is not working for many people in Vermont. Recently it was rated by American for safe Access as a D+ program. We believe that fixing the medical cannabis program first before legalization happens is utterly important. We believe that currently there are several obstacles that Vermont is not ready for in addressing cannabis legalization. We are not opposed to it. We are more concerned with getting our daughter here medicine being it cannabis oil from the cannabis plant. I am not sure how educated you are in cannabis but I am willing to help you be brought up to speed so that your committee can make educated choice for or against cannabis in Vermont. We see Vermont has many issues especially herion and youth and jobs. We are more concerned with getting a better medical cannabis program here in Vermont to help educated more doctor's office nurses and legislators about cannabis. Cannabis sativa L is the scientific name for cannabis. It was outlaw in 1937. Hemp is the male version of cannabis sativa l. Hemp played a major role in American history before 1937. We in Vermont have a legal hemp program through the department of Agricultural and bill S 157 that was passed in 2013. Vermont Department of agricultural regulates hemp in Vermont. Vermont medical marijuana program was started in 2004 and has not made much progress over the years enacting more viable option to the patients of Vermont medical marijuana program. We believe that all Vermont medical marijuana patients should come first before legalization happens because we are talking about medical purposes not recreational activities. Our daughter like I said is on the Vermont marijuana registry program here and has been for two years now and still nothing for her seizures and we feel that the medical marijuana program needs great fixing. We like to talk with you and share our experience with you and some of the information we have been collecting for several years now.

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