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Subject: Bull\$ on Parade

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

This evening while you are taking testimony on cannabis legalization in Vermont, I'll be in class at UVM. I have started my Masters Degree this semester with the introduction of the Medical Cannabis Pharmacology class at the University. On this important topic, I also feel that I have more than 2 minutes of testimony and am passing along my testimony from November 2015 in front of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

What I've learned since this testimony is that there is an elite element lining up in this state, to capitalize upon the Vermont brand, that is lobbying very hard for this law. I'll say nothing beyond that except I do hope that members of your committee and others in the House will amend SB.241 to adopt a home grow provision to combat the monopoly trying to take hold of multiple licenses should SB.241 become law. The truth of the matter is that these elites have already established the means to sell the home grower their growing supplies and still profit regardless.

Please read through my testimony from November and let me know if you have any questions. I'm not going to send a lobbyist to Montpelier to try to convince you to legalize marijuana. I've worked in Nevada and Alaska to tax and regulate marijuana. I've managed the sale of over \$10Million worth of cannabis medically in California after graduating from Oaksterdam University as the inaugural valedictorian in 2007. Since then I've worked over a dozen dispensaries in Northern California selling them medicine I processed. Due to lack of employment in the limited medical marijuana mini-monopoly system in place in Vermont, after moving here I've worked as a COO and CEO, of publicly traded companies that are cannabis centric. My passion is creating clean pure concentrates and doing Research & Development on new cannabis harm reduction technologies and medical grade products. As a member of the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia I hope to process cannabis of the highest standards in Vermont should this law pass. I'd like to advocate and educate new businesses on doing the same.

I'd be happy to offer further testimony and interact with the state on bringing a regulated market to Vermont. I moved to Vermont in 2011, to be closer to friends and family in Pennsylvania, where I was born. Pennsylvania may pass medical marijuana this year which is 12 years after Vermont did. My hope when coming here was to put my past experience to work and to bring a properly regulated and open market to the East Coast. I've dedicated the better part of my working life to this plant, and hope to be a part of the conversation without ties to the elite or their cronies within the establishment.

Thank you for your time and consideration towards relegalizing marijuana.

Sincerely,

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