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I would like to testify regarding the need for education about Cannabis in the public schools. It was my understanding that the legalization bill was pulled out because there was a group of legislatures wanting to have language in the bill about teaching children the dangers of Cannabis before it moves further along in the process.

I think it is important that the language educating the future generations about Cannabis be kept neutral, reality based and based in science not fear. I would like to testify and ask the committee to consider language that would teach students about the endocannabinoid system so that there is an understanding about the plant and how it works in the body. That it is medicinal. As a parent of a child in the schools who is using Cannabis for health reasons it is important that the students understand the whole plant and its uses and misuses. To simply teach Cannabis is dangerous is a return to the 1980s War on Drugs approach which will not lead to healthy choices.

I would also speak to the matter about caregivers access to medicinal cannabis if that is appropriate at this time.

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