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To Whom it May Concern:

My son, John, started using Marijuana quite a number of years ago. It satisfied him for a time, but as he grew accustomed to using it, he needed more and went on to more powerful drugs, including methamphetamine. These more powerful drugs ultimately resulted in his kidneys failing. He was on dialysis for years until a friend of his gave him one of his kidneys. He still continues to use Marijuana now and then. He has a CDL license so he can drive the big rigs. Some companies only require a urine test, so if he stays off Marijuana for a couple of weeks, he can pass that test, but the trucking companies are now moving to taking a hair sample, which John tells us will enable the companies to know if he has used any drugs in the past year, so he's currently seeking a job driving truck where they only do a urine test. His use of marijuana has really messed up his life and limited his employability. Marijuana was a gate-way drug for him and enticed him down the path to bigger and better drugs that killed his kidneys. With all the testimony from doctors and police regarding the harmful effects of marijuana, I find it hard to understand why you are considering recreational use. I'm all for medicinal use with a prescription because I know it can result in pain relief, but I ask that you not approve marijuana for recreational use in any way because of the harm it can ultimately cause. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Edward N. Chase