

February 16, 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education , Health and Government Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0605 SUPPORT-Public Schools -Medical cannabis -Guidelines for Administration to Students

Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the EHEA Committee:

My name is Tina Luedtke, and I am writing to urge you to support SB0605 which will give children attending public school, the equal chance to perform to the best of their ability by allowing pediatric patients the opportunity to take their medical cannabis while attending school, or participating in after-school activities.

Pediatric patients taking Medical Cannabis are often doing so because after years of suffering through tests, surgeries, long hospital stays, and a myriad of medications, none of which worked, they found that Medical Cannabis provided the stability and relief the families had been searching for, for years.

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At the present time, parents must take their children out of school and off school property in order to administer their Medical Cannabis. For some parents, this is not possible. SB0605 is designed to allow for the administration of Medical Cannabis to pediatric patients during school hours by the school nurse, as is done with many other medications.

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1622 Secretariat Dr
Annapolis, MD 21409

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Although Medical Cannabis is legal in the State of Maryland, the law when written, did not provide a solution for children who needed to have their medication during school hours. So what happens now, is a parent has to go to school, sign the child out of school and take them off property, in order to administer the medication. Then the parent has to take the child back into school and sign them back in, so they can go back to class. This exercise causes the child to miss some of the lesson being taught in that class, every day.

And this scenario only works for those parents who are able to leave their workplace every day in order to administer their child's medication. But what if the parent cannot leave their job every day to go to school, and they have no one else who can do it for them. The child misses that dose of medicine. Which could have an adverse effect on the child's well being? Allowing the child to take their medical cannabis during school hours, on school property, would eliminate this problem.

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There are many benefits associated with Medical Cannabis, far too many to list in this letter, but please know that for some it has saved their life. For others it has greatly improved their quality of life, and given some normalcy where there was none.

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Sincerely
Constance M. Sheffield
2942 Rose Crown Circle
Pasadena, MD 21122

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410 Park Rd
Rockville, MD 20850

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Sincerely
Thomas J Dean
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February 16, 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education , Health and Government Affairs Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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Sincerely
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Sincerely
Zachary Brandt
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Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland
Re: SB0605 SUPPORT Public Schools Medical Cannabis-Guidelines for Administration to
Students

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Vice Chair Kagan and members of the EHEA Committee,
My name is Stephen Seidel and I am a registered pharmacist of over 30 years, and I am urging you to support SB0605 that will give children an equal chance to perform to the best of his/her ability in the public school setting.

For over 30 years I've spent much of my career dispensing various medications to tens of thousands of patients. Many of which were either dangerous narcotic pain killers or highly addictive ADHD medications. Through the dispensing of said medications, I've witnessed the complete spectrum of therapeutic responses, many of which were unpleasant.

It's no secret that we are in the midst of one of the most horrific "National States of Emergency" known as the opioid crisis which has affected me directly as well as personally. Unfortunately, on Feb. 4th, 2016, my son passed away from a heroin overdose. Since that time, I decided to embark on a new career finding was to treat patients and their ailments without the use of dangerous narcotics and controlled substance. As a clinical director of a Medical Cannabis dispensary, I've had some of the most gratifying experiences of my professional Stephen Seidel RPh. career. I have witnessed autistic children and young adults transform from one end of the behavioral spectrum to another through the use of cannabis and its products. I've also treated a 4-year patient with extreme pain due to Ehler Danlos Syndrome, a debilitating connective tissue disease that presents with intense chronic pain. Through the use of cannabis, this young girl is able to live the life that she so deserves.

It's examples like this that make so much an advocate of this medicine and yes, it is indeed medicine. It would be such an injustice to any child to have to interrupt their studies by having

to leave school daily to obtain the medication that should be available to them on site at school.

Thank you for your time and considerations regarding this matter.

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Annapolis, MD.

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Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the EHEA Committee:

My name is Dawn Stancliff and I am a Volunteer Patient Advocate and MD State Ambassador with the US Pain Foundation, a National 501c3 Organization. I am also an MMCC Patient who relies heavily upon my usage of Medical Cannabis. I urge you to support SB605, also HB331, Connor's Courage, that will give children an equal chance to perform to the best of their ability in the public school setting, without having to be ostracized by their peers or others, or made to feel like they're doing something wrong because they also require medication during the school day.

As with EVERY other public school student, all that We are asking is that the school nurse have the ability to administer these medications as prescribed by a medical professional to the student throughout the school day- Just like ANY OTHER STUDENT would go to the school nurse to receive their ADHD medication, allergy medication, or even narcotic pain medication, a controlled substance...

The way that the law is currently written here in Maryland, It requires removing the student from the classroom, as well as school premises, for a minimum of a half of a school period, daily, just so that they can receive their prescription medication. While they watch their peers just take a walk down the hall to the school nurse and come right back. There is no difference in any child that requires daily medication from the school nurses.

This is also a tremendous hindrance to the parent and or guardian of the student(s). They are REQUIRED to come to the school, sign the student out, then take the student off school grounds, administer the student's medication, allow the student's medication to take time to begin to work. Then, they have to return the student to school, sign the student back into school, and the student is then disrupting the class by returning mid class. And at this point? They have already missed at least half a class period, Disrupting their ability to learn like every

other student. Depending on what the length of their class period day is. This is not acceptable and Medical cannabis should be no exception as a daily medication.

We give our children everyday controlled substances on school grounds without even giving it a second thought. Medical cannabis most recently has been proven scientifically and medically to show life saving benefits. Why are we excluding Our youngest Patients from these life-saving benefits?

I personally thank you again so much for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I do sincerely hope that you consider everything I have said in this letter. I hope that you do support Senate Bill 605, also known as Connor's Courage, and HB331. It would be a disservice to the children, ALL of the children, in the state of Maryland, not to. Thank you again for your support.

All the Best,

Dawn Stancliff
2018 USPF Ambassador of the Year
US Pain Foundation MD State Ambassador and Patient Advocate, Volunteers

February 14 , 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education , Health and Government Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate office Building
Annapolis, MD

Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and members 9f the EHEA Committee:

I am Ashley Wynn-Grimes of Cannabis Nursing Solutions LLC, and I urge you to support SB0605 that will give children an equal chance to perform to the best of his/her ability in the public-school setting.

I am a Master Prepared RN who within the past year has done a tremendous amount of research on Cannabis. I have learned so much and have a whole new perspective on it as a medicine. As a board-certified Professional Development Specialist, I went on to create a course to educate nurses on the plant that offers CEU's approved by the American Holistic Nurses Association. I believe that all patients who need access should have access to it and that medical professionals need to remove any preconceived notions and take an evidenced based approach. Unfortunately, in the current state many have feelings of doubt and concern. This is

at the expense of the people who suffer daily from imbalanced endocannabinoid system. Cannabis has the ability to create a state of balance and therefore wellness in the human body.

From a lay person's point of view: If cannabis has been found to help from the daily struggle of illness. As a compassionate human we deserve to provide the opportunity for relief.

All people deserve to have access to their medicine in order to function at their optimal ability. The fear that exists around the plant can be reduced if all involved are properly educated. If there is concern about how to educate the school nurses or any other personnel, I would love to mitigate that issue by offering my services.

Ultimately, my plea is to support SB0605. As a nurse, professional, mom and entrepreneur this bill will allow for social equity for our young people/future generation and that is what we should be striving for whenever decisions are made.

Sincerely,
Ashley Wynn-Grimes MS, RN-BC LSSBB
Owner of Cannabis Nursing Solutions

February 15, 2020

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Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the EHEA Committee:

My name is Faith Corcoran, and I am writing to urge you to support SB0604 which will give children attending public school, the equal chance to perform to the best of their ability by allowing pediatric patients the opportunity to take their medical cannabis while attending school, or participating in after-school activities.

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