

February 16, 2020

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House Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Bldg
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Chester, MD 21610

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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 can 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

Dear Chair Pendegrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of HGO 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. I am also an MMCC Patient who relies heavily upon my usage of Medical Cannabis. I urge you to support 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 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 my email. I hope that you do support House Bill 331 and Senate Bill 605, also known as Connor's Courage. It would be a disservice to the children, ALL of the children, in the state of Maryland not to. Thank you again.

All the Best,

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

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Sincerely,
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February 16, 2020

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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