



HOUSE BILL 73

TESTIMONY BY CURIO WELLNESS SUPPORT

Firearms – Right to Purchase, Possess, and Carry – Use of Medical Cannabis

About Curio Wellness

Curio Wellness is a medical cannabis brand and trusted healthcare partner focused on creating scientifically developed medicinal products derived from cannabis. Operating in Maryland as a licensed grower, processor and dispensary, we are dedicated to increasing the accessibility of this therapeutic and medicative plant to a growing population of citizens who seek a transformational solution to their health complications. Curio Wellness is located in Timonium and currently employs 100 people. Curio is committed to ensuring all employees are paid at a minimum, \$15 per hour living wage with access to medical, vision and dental insurance, a 401(K) program, short-term disability and life insurance that is paid for by the company.

Rationale for Support

Curio believes that denying a person certain rights available to others, including the right to purchase, possess or carry a firearm, *solely on the basis* that they are a registered medical cannabis patient is patently unfair. In the context of medication, we do not believe a medical cannabis patient in Maryland should be treated differently than a patient with an opiate prescription. This bill is an attempt to disassociate Maryland laws from the unwarranted stigma surrounding medical cannabis.

Therefore, we respectfully urge the passage of HB 73 Thank you!

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