

Today I urge the Maryland Government to make passing HB0032 a top priority this legislative session. As a 26 year old Maryland medical cannabis patient, my access to my medicine is limited because it is currently illegal to cultivate home grown cannabis in Maryland. I have set a \$400 a month budget that allows me to purchase about one ounce of high quality cannabis which is the only thing that keeps my condition in check. There is one strain that works best for my condition and instead of growing plenty of it for myself, I have to hope it is available in dispensaries when I need it. I have no choice but to spend money on overpriced cannabis instead of investing in an home garden for myself which would save me thousands of dollars every year and allow me to grow the medicine that works best for my condition (for reference, I could start a home garden to supply my needs for about \$400). With HB0032 legalizing home cultivation, it would allow me economic freedom to not be reliant on big cannabis for medical access and allow me to save more money to support my family.

Please pass HB0032 this session and make Maryland a safer place by legalizing and regulating cannabis. Don't let Maryland cannabis policy fall behind states like New Jersey and Virginia. We simply cannot afford to have any more arrests over cannabis. A supermajority of Marylanders support cannabis legalization. Please stand for your constituents by passing HB0032 this spring. Thank you.