

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dawn Stancliff. I am a Maryland Medical Cannabis Patient, MMCC Volunteer Caregiver, and Maryland State Ambassador and Patient Advocate for the US Pain Foundation, a National 501c3.

This past Spring 2021, I started using Delta 8 THC products, as well as other Hemp-derived THC Isomers like Delta 10, THC Acetate, THCO, THCX, etc. I was purchasing them all legally through a Maryland "Hemp-othocary". This same Maryland Hemp Brick and Mortar Company also supplies some MMCC REGULATED Dispensaries with their "supposed" self-manufactured Delta 8 THC Products. This Maryland Hemp-othocary also provides "Consultation services to Physician's Practices," and even regularly provides uneducated, noncertified, medical advice to not only MD Medical Cannabis Patients, but the Public as well. The Owners of this Hemp-othocary are not trained, they hold no certifications, medical or otherwise, and have no signage that states such, or to consult with a Physician, etc. They are also the largest "white labeling Hemp Company" in the Mid-Atlantic area. That means their Hemp-derived THC Isomers like Delta 8 THC are in multiple states, not just MD.

Under the trusted advice of one of this Hemp-othocary's Owners, and someone I personally trusted as a friend, I began using 10mg Delta 8 "GTabs" to help with insomnia. They were not working for me, so I met with my friend again. I was then encouraged to try Delta 8 THC, 25mg Gummies. I purchased some of the Delta 8 Gummies at his shop, and started consuming them that evening. I even reached out one evening to ask if "it was SAFE to take 2 or 3 gummies....," and the response was always, "Yes, of course it's safe!!!". Well, I found out in September of 2021 that it was NOT safe, at all.

After extended personal use of multiple Delta 8 THC Products manufactured (supposedly) all by the same Maryland Hemp Company, White Labeler, and Brick and Mortar Store, I began having upper, and eventually lower, GI Issues. My PCP sent me for labs, and an abdominal CT from a different doctor revealed that my Liver's biliary ducts were at "maximum dilation", and my Liver enzymes (ALT and AST) were climbing quickly. We had no idea why, though, and it took me about 2 months to figure it out. In the meantime, I would undergo two medical procedures. I also had a planned trip to see a friend in another state while this was happening, in 9/21. At her house, I suffered my 1st small stroke, and a 2nd one the following morning. I had taken myself off of ALL of the Delta 8 THC Products on my way there... and less than 48 hours later, that happened. It was horrifying. The Delta 8 THC was making me very sick, and I am continuing to suffer from adverse reactions to this day, with no idea how long this will continue.

In my eyes, as well as my PCP, there were no noted changes in my medications. I do share even my Cannabis and "plant" medications with my Primary Care Physician, thankfully. It took a few conversations with a few friends before I realized that the ONLY THING THAT I ADDED to my daily regimen was... Delta 8 THC. And, at that point, I had used it in every form, and was even consuming it in capsules. I ended up having to have 2 liver procedures, one of which I was unable to be sedated for, and the doctors still do not know why. That was incredibly traumatizing.

The one thing I was grateful for, was that even though ALL of the Delta 8 THC products that I used were still available for purchase in Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission Regulated Dispensaries, and online on both Leafly and Weedmaps, even today, was that Sue Ferguson of Kaycha Labs was honest enough with me to share just how TOXIC these products were found to be. She absolutely did not have to call me, email me, or share Kaycha Labs "Quantitative and Qualitative Assessments" for these particular Delta 8 THC Products. She was so stunned by the amount of COPPER found in both, not to mention other items not tested for on normal COAs, that she shared their findings with me. She also explained to me that I should "probably Google what is a safe amount of Copper in my drinking water...". I'm incredibly grateful for Kaycha Labs and for Ms Ferguson, and for their honest transparency with me.

Their COAs (Certificate of Analysis) differ from those attached to the Delta 8 Gummies, Delta 8 Tincture, provided by the manufacturer and Store here in Maryland. But, again, when offered to share these with the MMCC, I was told that the "MMCC is not allowed to test the products...". WHAT??? Then, WHO IS??? I also shared that "CANNVERIFY" Labels were on all of this Company's products, but when I tried the QR Code, the CannVerify said, "Report a Fraud?" and "Serial Number Not Found". The MMCC did not care. I personally used over one month of my SSDI (Social Security Disability Income) to pay Kaycha Labs to test the 25mg Delta 8 Gummies and the Delta 8 Tincture. If I would have purchased these products from an MMCC "regulated" Dispensary, it would have been "illegal" for me to have them tested.

When I approached the MMCC in December 2021 to report the medical injury, continuing adverse reactions, and problems with products sold in MMCC REGULATED Dispensaries, I was told to "Contact the FDA...", to "fill out this online form for medical injury". Then, when asked who, as in what government body, is actually responsible for the testing, regulations, and sale of Delta 8 THC products and other Hemp-derived THC Isomers, the MMCC stated that "they are Not Responsible for anything sold in any Maryland Medical Cannabis Dispensary...". Still never answering any of my questions. What is the role of the MMCC then, please? Why won't they simply answer my questions, especially when the MMCC was "so concerned" to have ME THERE IN PERSON???

I filed a Patient report with the FDA on January 31st, 2022, and my Primary Care Physician filed a "Physician Report" (FDA Form 3500) on February 26th, 2022. I have also contacted the USDA, as they are the ones that are responsible for HEMP, and was reverted back to the FDA, via email. They also could not even afford me the time for a phone call.

I do not support Senator Feldman's Amendment. The MMCC's own Senior Supervisor of the Enforcement and Compliance Division could not even take the time to read a two minute email. In my personal experience, I do not feel that the MMCC, nor any MMCC REGULATED testing labs, should be "responsible" for testing and/or regulating ANY of these Hemp-derived THC Isomers. I also do not feel that the USDA cares enough to do the same, and that, as a Volunteer Advocate, Patient, and a Volunteer Caregiver, is so incredibly disappointing.

After my personal experiences with all of these agencies, I honestly feel that all of these Hemp-derived THC isomer products need further, transparent research, by accredited, nonbiased Labs

and agencies, that are NOT affiliated with the MMCC or the USDA. Until that happens, I can not sit silently and watch others possibly cause more harm to the Public, Patients, or cause themselves unknown harm due to the greed of themselves and others.

The damages that I have suffered have been disgusting. I have suffered emotional trauma, medical injury, I continue to suffer from adverse reactions, and not one agency, state or federal, will take an actual report to stop this from happening to someone else. These Hemp-derived THC Isomers should be banned in Maryland.

I have attached the COAs from Kaycha Labs, as well as screenshots. You are welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns at this email. Thank you.

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