

This is my story. My name is Janice Temple.

I am a grandmother of 6 and mother of 4 adult offspring.. I am turning 65 this year and grateful. I have used marijuana off and on for about 40 years. I recently started buying and using CBD products. I have invested in stocks and watched the industry when it launched.

I am a natural healer who occasionally uses marijuana and CBD products for medicinal and relaxation purposes.

My cannabis experience started during my high school years.

I have consumed weed around the world in France, Belgium, Argentina, Turkey, and Mexico.

I have visited marijuana dispensaries in several states, Massachusetts , California, Maryland, Washington, D.C.

Some of my favorite products are Vape pens with Hybrid Strains. I enjoy THC and CBD balms for healing insect bites, rashes, and aches.

THC and CBD Tinctures are another favorite of mine because of the multiple usages. I like to mix it in water or drop it under the tongue.

I recently visited dispensaries in Los Angeles, I normally purchase a vape pen and battery, CBD tinctures, and THC infused gummy bears.

I am greatly interested in growing my knowledge about the cannabis and CBD industries..

I have read HB 556. I feel that it generally addresses the need for social equity in cannabis reform.

I would like to suggest that a medical component be added to the bill for the consumers of cannabis. Similarly with alcohol and tobacco abuse there are medical programs for the users, such as the 12-step program.

It should be covered by insurance. It should receive the same treatment as alcohol, tobacco, and opiates. That is reform; shifting the viewpoint about how we treat people who use cannabis products.

Cannabis use mental health counseling should be covered by insurance just like alcohol and tobacco rehabilitation programs.

There also needs to be a fund for bonds and attorney fees to help liberate those incarcerated for selling marijuana.

I personally, experience the financial strain that having a family member arrested for possession and selling of marijuana, One of the biggest barriers to staying out of jail is getting bail money and hiring an attorney. The system is designed for the wealthy, for those who have the money to hire an attorney that successfully wins drug cases.

Monies for the social equity fund should provide funds to organizations or services of clothing, housing, education, job training for youth that are arrested for selling cannabis and other drugs. There should be advocates in court overseeing

their cases and getting them services. Then providing them with opportunities in the cannabis and hemp industries.

For those re-entering society the social equity fund should seamlessly provide them with their birth certificates, voter's registration cards, driver's license, job application and interviewing, clothing for interviews, provide incentives to dispensaries and other cannabis related businesses to hire them for a management training program. There should be clear paths to entrepreneurship in the cannabis and hemp industries.

Thank you for your attention,

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