

SB516

Favorable With Amendments

I have a business that has been in Baltimore city for 44 years now. Its woman owned and I employ 2 part time employees that depend on their job for income. They both have medical issues that prevent them from working just anywhere. I am 62 years old, and this bill as written will put me out of business. I have been paying sales tax, property tax and employed staff for 44 years now. If you add that up that's 44 years of contributions to the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland. My family and I have been a part of this community volunteering and serving the community for decades.

- I believe it is bad policy to criminalize a federally legal industry while legalizing a federally illegal industry. If this bill is passed as written it will make my hemp products illegal. The same products that are federally legal.
- The products that help my customer with cluster seizures.
- The products that help my customer who just had a double mastectomy. Her husband states "it's the only thing that has helped her so far"
- The products that help with anxiety, ptsd, sleep, inflammations, seizures and overall health benefits.
- This bill as written appears to favor Big Cannabis. It appears that they want all the hemp stores out of business. I believe there are over 2000 cbd related businesses in the State of Maryland and this will put them all out!
- I do believe there could be more regulations to protect the public.
- Banning or regulating the level of THC that is so low that it won't be effective for relief is not the answer. These businesses are

here because of the need. Most of the business owners are responsible and care deeply about their customers.

- One option could be a LICENSE and TRAININGS for HEMP business. I personally have had hours upon hours of trainings thru Patients Out of Time, Dr Dustin Sulak, Bud tenders training, and other cannabis/hemp related training. All of my products come from REPUTABLE companies that have reliable 3rd party testing for each product they carry and distribute.
- This industry deserves to be here and is needed. Not everyone wants to be stoned. Not everyone wants high THC levels. Hemp products give the relief needed without the high that cannabis products can give. Hemp products tend to also not give the paranoia that Cannabis products will. Personally, I do not like cannabis products for that reason. Many of my customers feel the same as I. I use Hemp every night for sleep. My 87-year-old mother uses full spectrum CBD for her inflammations and sleep. All 3 of my dogs use full spectrum cbd for their individual issues.
- This bill, as written, will take away access for many people and animals
- It will destroy thousands of hard-working Maryland Constituents by taking away their livelihood.
- Please amend this bill to protect the hard working, responsible people, their employees and customers.

Sincerely,

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