

**Date: 2-2-26**

**Regarding: House Bill 0365– Testimony of Robert Davis R.Ph**

**Owner hi Tide dispensary/OC botanicals LLC (SD 38) Ocean City Maryland.**

Good afternoon,

I would like to voice my support for House Bill 365. This bill will go a long way to help the medical cannabis patients of Maryland and all Maryland residents in acquiring safe effective medical cannabis legally produced in the state of Maryland. In my experience over the past seven years operating my dispensary, I estimate that at least 25% of Maryland population is not seeking to get their medical cannabis card due to gun ownership concerns. This keeps the black market of illegal marijuana in business by scaring off legal gun owners from being able to legitimately purchase from a state licensed cannabis dispensary. This legislation and statement would potentially close this giant roadblock and allow access for people within the state of Maryland to acquire legal state regulated cannabis. The dangers of black-market cannabis have been shown to be overwhelming with the illegal fentanyl laced and vitamin E Vape cartridge deaths that occurred over the past years. I fully support letting legal gun owners within the state of Maryland know they can purchase state regulated cannabis without negative repercussions.

Thanks for your time and the opportunity to present this statement.

Sincerely,

*Robert H Davis R.Ph*

Owner/Clinical Director

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