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Whilst what effects me isn't life threatening it also wouldn't be right to say day to day life is the easiest for me.

Not that you would know just by seeing me, but im diagnosed under the Autism spectrum, specifically Asperger's Syndrome.

Cannabis not only releives the depression and anxiety that is comorbid with my Aspergers, but it eases the major discomfort that comes with sensory sensitivity and overload. Before Cannabis, the amount of things taken inby all 5 of my senses(i am very sensitive to

sights, sounds, taste, touch and taste) would astound you. I can hear the cars driving hundreds of metres down the street, the conversation the two dog walkers are having in the back alley, aswell as the ceiling fan and next doors newborn baby and the man mowing his lawn 3 houses up. All this i can hear quite clearly (and loud), all at the same time to the point where i get overloaded, full of stress and cannot function anymore. Cannabis focuses me to the point where i almost no longer notice the cars driving past.

Cannabis supply for people with autism NEEDS to be readily avalible for those who can benifit from it. People with autism face vast amounts of sensory stimulation each and every day, wheather its the weather or people out and about, things happen that we cannot control, and for those of us with Autism it can really hurt when overload happens, but genuine relief from these things should not be kept from those suffering.