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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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RE: The Moderator of Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2014

Dear Committee Delegates,

I am a 23 year old woman, suffering with a variety of medical conditions.

ADHD for which I was diagnosed at age 5 by a Children's Psychiatrist, and was medicated with dexamphetamine, until age 16.

ENDOMETRIOSIS for which I have now undergone 2 laparoscopic procedures to remove endometriosis areas. Last procedure, a good majority of my Pouch of Douglas required removal due to the Endometriosis. I have ongoing endometriosis/bowel issues, which are very painful and have had ovarian cyst issues, one 7cm cyst removed surgically. For all of these, I have also been prescribed ridiculously high, but necessary for pain, levels of opiates. Endone, Panadeine Forte, Tramadol, to name but a few. Also, box after box of Nurofen, to also help with pain levels. The Nurofen has caused actual physical damage, to my stomach lining, diagnosed by endoscopy - visual cysts. I have a Mirena to help reduce the Endometriosis symptoms, but still I require high levels of pain relief on a consistently regular basis. Various hormone therapies have been attempted and have failed.

WOLFFE PARKINSON WHITE - I have been diagnosed in recent years with WPW. EP Studies were attempted last year, however risk of AF, cut the procedure short. This condition gives me not only arrhythmia issues, but episodes of violent shaking and vomiting. Although for some time I was prescribed Tambacor, after the aborted EP Studies, I was taken off those and am now unmedicated. Another EP Study will be attempted in the coming weeks.

For my young age, I have quite a deal of experience with a variety of prescription medications. None have been very successful and as previously stated, some medications have caused me physical damage.

I turned to trying Cannabis in despair. Cannabis has remarkably helped with every one of my medical conditions. Helps to keep me focussed and on an even emotional keel, with regards to my ADHD. Settles the vomiting episodes and reduces the awful trembling, allowing me to relax and cope better

with the regularly occurring 'turns' I experience. Significantly reduces my pain levels to a manageable level and considerably reduces my need for pharmaceutical pain relief. Because of the levels I have been taking, I also have elevated liver enzymes and now require a gastroenterologist and can no longer process any medication metabolised by the liver. Prescription drugs have done this to me. Cannabis has given me relief. I now pay for my own medication and am less of a burden on the health system because of it.

One medication that could treat most complications associated with cancer eg: nausea, high blood pressure, pain etc. and stops the progression of cancer

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<http://www.endoempowered.com/should-we-use-marijuana-for-endometriosis/>

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<http://www.medicaljane.com/2015/02/13/cannabinoids-in-the-treatment-of-chronic-nonmalignant-neuropathic-pain/>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-01-27/study-finds-1-in-6-chronic-pain-suffers-use-medicinal-cannabis/6049988>

<http://hempedification.blogspot.com.au/2015/03/medicinal-cannabis-and-chronic-pain-in.html>

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/prescription-painkiller-silent-epidemic-demands-cultural-change-20150307-13wdqh.html>

<http://illegallyhealed.com/adhd/> - As stated, “

Whole Plant therapies, can help various symptoms stemming from ADD/ADHD.”

Cannabidiol has been shown to normalize social behaviour” – albeit in mice. I know this to be true.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udKZGt4iW10> – Cannabis is better - ADD & ADHD kids than Ritalin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfo1tZ95Ypk> ADD & ADHD Simulator

http://www.salem-news.com/articles/may052008/leveque_autism_5-4-08.php

<http://grannystormcrowslist2014.webs.com/>

Please make Medical Cannabis available legally as soon as possible

Thank you for allowing me to contribute.