

TESTIMONY OF Brandon M. Kachmar  
BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ON HB 1393 COMPASSIONATE USE ACT OF 2009

Good morning, Chairmen Oliver and Baker, and Members of the Committee. I am Brandon M. Kachmar from Allegheny County.

I am submitting this testimony to urge passage of the Compassionate Use Act of 2009 (HB 1393) by this Committee and the General Assembly.

I having lived in this Commonwealth have for years believed that there are many people who can benefit from the medicinal use of Cannabis Sativa and its by products. I have multiple medical problems including Chronic Pain and a Seizure disorder. The Chinese have proof that Cannabis Sativa has been used for over three thousand years to relieve the suffering of people like me. It is much easier to deal with its side effects as opposed to those of the harsh Pharmaceuticals used to treat seizure disorders and chronic pain. I have multiple disk bulges in my neck and back and have been diagnosed with disk disease and arthritis. I also have a titanium plate in my right ankle that is held in place by ten screws.

I think that it is ridiculous in this age of human evolution that we even need to have this debate. Anyone with an ounce of common sense can see the ridiculous drag on our tax dollars that the criminalization and prosecution of Cannabis Sativa has burdened our society with. We are supposed to be a nation of freedom. Freedom of religion and freedom to pursue happiness. Read Genesis Chapter One Verse 30 of the Bible. God gave all of the green seed bearing herbs for man's use. Also, do I not have the freedom to pursue happiness? Does that freedom include the freedom to look for alternative methods to relieve pain so that I or others can be happy. These freedoms are being impinged upon by this travesty of law that is contradictory to the ideals and principals of the founding fathers of this great nation and commonwealth.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

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