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To the Committee Members and the Chair,

My name is Annette Thomas. In 2008 my husband was diagnosed with Legionnaire's. Since that time, he has also been diagnosed with Chron's disease and arthritis. He is currently taking Tramadol on a regular basis just to take the edge off the pain of the arthritis and the Chron's, he is avoiding taking anything stronger because of the addictive possibility and because of the damage to the liver and other organs. There is nothing they can do about the damage to the lungs, and the damage that the Chron's is causing will eventually lead to surgeries to remove the damage parts. I have researched cannabis enough to know it would help with his Chron's and with his arthritis.

My key concerns in regard to a medical cannabis program in Kansas are the ability to grow our own, once we find a strain that works for his needs and the number of plants and the amount of product, we would be allowed to have at even given time.

This issue is important to me, and I will gladly make myself available to answer any follow up questions. I look forward to watching and listening to all the testimonies you will be hearing this coming week. Thank you

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