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To the honorable members of the Senate Fed and State Committee,

My name is Heath Martin I am the owner and president of Kancanna Hemp extraction and Butler Hemp Co. As the only fully operating cannabis extraction facility, in Ks, we also happened to be the largest. We also have a thriving retail brand with Butler hemp co. I do not believe there is anyone in this state that has more experience with both processing and retail product formulation than our team. We stand today as proponents of SB560 however we believe there is room for improvement.

We feel that the fees proposed in this bill will prevent entry to this new industry by many people who could be successful but simply cannot afford the cost, specifically the Ks farmer. By levying such fees I believe we will not only prevent a thriving industry in our state but will also embolden the black market. The fees associated for the grower, processor and dispensary licenses will add additional and unnecessary cost to the end product which will allow for a flourishing illegal trade as well as prevent patients with severe illnesses from accessing their treatment.

I also believe that there is absolutely no need to have pharmacist oversight at the dispensary level. With the way the bill is written now the consulting pharmacist will seemingly have access to ktrax at the dispensary level. I see this as a potential HIPPA violation and would give the pharmacist the power to override a Dr's recommendation. There is not a pharmacy school in the country that teaches anything about cannabis dosing or ingestion methods. I believe that is best decided by the Dr and the patient. Not to mention adding a full-time pharmacist will add substantial cost at the dispensary level.

Testing is another area where we need to gain some clarification and understanding. My suggestion would be to quarantine the Marijuana in a licensed processing facility until testing has been completed and the product can be released. This prevents black market sale of a product that does not pass contaminate testing from making it to any market. By allowing a third-party processor to take batch samples on behalf of the grower and testing lab, it would ensure samples were taken accurately and the product cannot be moved in any illegal fashion before potential contaminate remediation has been done. Testing does not have to be done on every 20lbs of product. A single panel of testing can be done by taking a homogenized sample of the entire harvest. This would save significant amounts of money on testing and allow processors and distributors the ability move or process product more efficiently, all while saving money and helping the grower move his crop down the pipeline.

In conclusion, thank you for taking the time to hear SB560 and I ask you to support SB560 and pass this bill out of committee as favorable. If you have questions or would like a tour to better understand the real world workings of a processing facility, please feel to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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