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Chair: Senator Kelly Warren

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony regarding the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission.

When considering the practice of 'labeling and/or packaging' those individuals who are in violation of Controlled Substance crimes, one must also consider SAMSHA, via the DSM-V, defined Substance Use Disorders, where there is a lack of consistency regarding state substance scheduling and the interventions and/or treatments being utilized.

Temporary behavior change by an offender is often chosen to evade jail time by being compliant with evaluations and avoiding certain substances during supervision. Often these offenders, because of meeting SUD criteria, receive a billable diagnosis code and possibly a taxpayer or insurance funded synthetic Medication Assisted Treatment to combat whatever disorder that was diagnosed.

Cannabis has been used to help people avoid alcohol, tobacco, opioids and other prescription drugs, etc. and regardless of what the legislature does this year with cannabis as it pertains to other matters, issues dealing with cannabis should undergo study and research by this commission as part of its portfolio on Criminal Justice Reform.

Thank you

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http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2020/b2019_20/committees/ctte_h_ins_1/documents/testimony/20200210_35.pdf Nick Reinecker Testimony HB2459 2020, concerns about DSM