



Dear Kansas Legislators,

My name is Mark Coleman, and I reside in Alabama. You currently are considering legislation almost identical to Leni's Law that went into effect here the summer of 2016. My child, Mary Ann, who is 17, has Autism and is on the low end of the spectrum. She is nonverbal, and she has suffered from self-injurious behaviors since her early toddler years. The self-injurious behaviors consist of hair pulling, gouging her skin, slapping her face and ears, dropping to her knees with all her weight and head banging, one of which was through a plate glass window at school. Calm and peaceful one second sitting in a corner and the next showered in glass when she slammed her head against it. No traditional medicine or therapy has ever made any lasting improvement.

In February of 2016, her Behavioral Therapist set a baseline for her behaviors to chart any improvement to her treatment team. I would be more than happy to provide this documentation if requested. Over a couple months, she averaged 170 self-injurious behaviors per school day. In the summer of 2016, Leni's Law was graciously adopted by our legislators and signed into law. It's been difficult with trials and errors on dosing different cannabis compounds such as CBD, THC, THCa and others but improvement has been made. Our

best two months showed an average of 10 self-injurious behaviors per day.

Without Leni's Law:

$170 \text{ (SIB's per day)} \times 365 \text{ (days per year)} = 62,050 \text{ self-injurious behaviors per year.}$

With Leni's Law:

$10 \text{ (SIB's per day)} \times 365 \text{ (days per year)} = 3,650 \text{ self-injurious behaviors per year.}$

That is 58,400 less times my child tries to injure herself in a year. There have been no major modifications of the pharmaceutical medications she is prescribed since our law passed to account for this improvement. Her treatment team, teachers, therapist, doctors and paraprofessionals all note her improvement.

Please show the citizens of your state the same compassion by giving the same chance for improvement that my state has shown. It's a good, conservative law that gives parents like me a chance for improvements in quality of life for their child.

Thank you and God Bless.

Mark Coleman

Note: The bottom picture is Mary Ann's arm from self-injury before using low THC CBD oil. The top picture is just 3 months after she started using low THC CBD oil.

