



My name is Laci Heatwole, and I am here today for several different reasons. First, my cousin Madison Wheeler is 22 years old, and she was born with a brain condition called Lissencephaly which means "smooth brain." She also has cerebral palsy and a seizure disorder. Madison is wheelchair bound and cannot walk or talk. But she can smile, laugh and get excited when spoken to or loved on. She has a personality, & she has likes and dislikes. She has good days and bad days. My cousin could benefit immensely from low THC CBD oil. This oil could potentially prevent her from having seizures by acting as an anticonvulsant, extend her life, improve her well-being, and decrease the amount of

medications she has to take (as well as the awful side effects they come with).

Second, I am a registered nurse in med/surg at Kansas Medical Center in Andover, Kansas. I work night shift, 7a-7p. Late December, I was working as charge nurse on my unit when the emergency department received a call regarding a 17-year-old, unresponsive female. I was called by ER staff to help assist. We lined the room in silence as we waited for her arrival. EMS came and transferred the patient to the ER bed where our staff attempted to resuscitate her, unfortunately without success. The patient's name was Claire Hartley, daughter of Gwen and Scott Hartley. I watched the family weep, and I felt their pain. This night has weighed so heavy on my mind. Claire reminded me so much of my cousin Madison. When Gwen reached out to the media for help in obtaining low THC CBD oil, I knew I had to help.



From a medical professional standpoint, not only can low THC CBD oil help benefit people with neurologic conditions like Lissencephaly (what my cousin has) or microcephaly (what Claire and Lola have), but it can also benefit people with Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, traumatic brain injuries, strokes and even cancer. Low THC CBD oil can assist people with overcoming post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety, life threatening eating disorders such as anorexia, insomnia, autism, schizophrenia, and side effects like nausea from medications like Chemotherapy. THC/CBD binds to receptors in the brain, leading to relaxation and some prevention of uncontrolled symptoms in patients with certain medical conditions. It can also decrease inflammation for patients that suffer from chronic pain. There are so many benefits, I could go on and on. I highly encourage you to read the article titled "Review of the Neurological Benefits of Phytocannabinoids" written by Joseph Maroon and Jeff Bost in 2018. You can find this article online with ease. I am asking you today to please consider voting in favor of Claire & Lola's Law (HB #2244) which would give those who are suffering access to low THC CBD oil and the powerful therapeutic potential it can have on our people.

