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I work full time as a medical scientist trying to get medications, procedures, surgeries, and devices approved by the FDA at a predominate medical office in KC . I am also a mother to a 6 year old boy who I share joint custody with his father. I have my son approximately 70% of the time as he goes to his dads for summer and every other weekend. I hope Missouri will realize that individuals like myself need protection from losing our child/rights due to medical usage of marijuana even though we are legal in the state. I would not be able to function without medically approved marijuana unless I took psych meds that have in the past lead me to having other complications from taking something that is made from chemicals that we can't even pronounce. Get with the times Missouri, protect parents who have followed the rules and regulations so we don't lose our children or be deemed an "incapable parent."



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Medical marijuana is LEGAL. Therefore, parents who use it as part of their healthcare should not be penalized in any way in family court. In fact, it should probably be the opposite. If a parent is taking care of themselves and doing what it takes to treat their ailment, that should be commended. Regardless, it has nothing to do with their fitness as a parent. Otherwise, why would it have been made legal. Thank you.



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I am in Support of this Bill. However this drug and its use can not b e allowed to be abused and affect other in Family Court Decisions.



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I don't believe that having a medical marijuana card should mean that a person can't be a parent. It's time to move into the 21st century and protect the rights of Missouri citizens. I believe workplace protections for medical marijuana patients should be next as well.



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Being a licensed patient, should have zero bearing on custody or any other aspect of one's life. We need to quit punishing people for a plant that is used for so many beneficial reasons. I am a licensed card holder, and I manage a CBD business. This last year I had a baby. I abstained from medical marijuana through the entire pregnancy, but continued to take my full spectrum CBD to help with depression, chronic pain, and to help regulate my blood sugars and blood pressure. At my last visit, my Dr asked if CBD can produce a positive test, and I assured her that it may in a number of people, with a number of varying reasons. I was hotlined and a social worker had to not only visit me before I could leave the hospital, but also come do a home visit and interview my older children. The case was closed after assessing our situation but it was very traumatic and I felt I was being punished for being honest about my CBD use (which was never discouraged through any visit prior to delivering) and at a time when I was vulnerable already (Covid at peak #s) I don't want anyone else to ever feel at jeopardy about the way the safely treat their own body by choosing a natural plant versus prescription drugs.



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There is no reason to discriminate against parents who use marijuana medically any more than there would be to discriminate against parents who use far more dangerous, addictive and deadly conventional pharmaceutical drugs. The Chief Administrative Judge of the DEA said that marijuana is among the safest substances known. Please support HB 1325! I am the Missouri Coordinator for NORML and the Chair of the Campaign which wrote, placed on the ballot and passed Article XIV of the MO Constitution, Missouri's medical marijuana law.



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Patients who legally seek to use marijuana to treat medical conditions like PTSD, epilepsy, cancer and more, should not be penalized by the family court system. Marijuana is oftentimes more effective and less harmful than traditional prescription medications, and when used responsibly, does not impair an adult's ability to be a parent. On the contrary, using marijuana allows the parent to be the best version of themselves for their child. We have seen this firsthand from the work at our clinic certifying qualifying Missourians for cannabis use. We express our utmost support for this legislation.



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I am a mother of two wonderful daughters. I have been their primary parent for most of their lives. I am on every education, athletics, and social committee that they participate in. I am a volunteer in our community for various outreaches to better my town. I teach Latin at cost or for free to homeschool students in my area. I also have a chronic medical condition that medical marijuana helps manage, so I can continue to do all these things for my children, YOUR children, and my community. I have zero arrest records or any criminal past. I have never acted irresponsibly while DRINKING, much less using medical marijuana. It baffles me that my state, even after knowing all of this, could use my personal medical history to weigh in on where my children belong. Do you do this to people who have a few drinks after work? Do you do this to people who are on other approved medications to fix their ailments? How can you allow the possibility of a biased judge to remove my children from my home based off the medication that has been approved by my doctor and me? Medical marijuana should not be a factor to be used in family court to take children from a parent who is following the law and doing what is best for them. I ask that you remember that it is my right as a Missourian to obtain and use medical marijuana in accordance with Missouri law, and it is my right as an American to obtain healthcare. Thank you for your time



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My name is Jamie Kacz, and I am the Executive Director of NORML Kansas City, a chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). I am also a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. As both a parent and a registered medical cannabis patient, I am here to support House Bill 1325. When I founded NORML KC in 2015, I knew I wanted to help patients gain safe and legal access to cannabis. When Amendment 2 was passed, we knew we had more work to do to ensure patients were protected. We understood that passing this new law would create inconsistencies in other areas of Missouri law. This bill is our effort to help address these inconsistencies and help prevent legal medical marijuana patients from losing their children. I believe no patients should have to choose between their legal medicine and their family. Can children really be removed from a home because a parent is a legal marijuana patient? Can someone's status as a legal marijuana patient be held against them in family court? The answer is yes. We have watched it happen in other states. This is what happened in California and they wrote protections in their adult use initiative to ensure patients were protected. We want to ensure patients are protected now. Being here today and speaking candidly about my story terrifies me. I have been in family court and I have had my status of being a cannabis advocate used against me by my ex spouse. I had to carry the stigma with me through court proceedings and had to participate in drug testing, just for exercising my 1st Amendment rights to reform cannabis laws. I had never had legal issues or committed any crime, but that did not matter. Was my cannabis advocacy held against me? Yes. Did my children suffer as a result of this? Yes. My number one priority in life has been to be the best mom I can be for my kids. My kids mean the world to me. Living in constant fear of my abuser taking me back to court over my status as a patient terrifies me, and almost prevented me from speaking today. But my fear is the exact reason I am speaking out today. Legal medical marijuana patients should not live in fear of losing their children. No patient deserves to have their family torn apart due to their status as a legal medical marijuana patient. It is important to support these protections to prevent the cruel and unnecessary removal of children from a loving home simply due to a parent's status as a legal medical cannabis patient. As a mother, I ask you to help us and "do pass" HB 1325 for Missouri families and patients.



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Jessica Kelly5855 N London AveKansas City, MO 64151I am a registered Missouri medical cannabis patient. I do not currently medicate with cannabis. One of the reasons I have not begun to medicate is due to the lack of protections in place for Missouri patients. I have severe chronic pain due to a condition called Interstitial Cystitis. Quality of life for this condition has been compared to someone living with cancer pain, or on dialysis. I moved from Kansas to Missouri after Article XIV passed so that I could utilize the medical marijuana program here and transition off of harmful opioids, muscle relaxers, and sleeping pills to a safer and more natural medicine: cannabis. I have had Interstitial Cystitis for over a decade, and during this time I have tried every known medication that could possibly help me, and I also have had many, many medical procedures and surgeries. Nothing has helped as much as medical cannabis.However, I am not currently medicating even though it is my legal right to do so as a registered Missouri patient. Since there are currently no protections in place here for parents of children who medicate with legal cannabis medicine, I have felt uncomfortable in fully participating in the program.I am a mother to a wonderful child, and I would never, ever do anything that could put my child or myself in harm's way. My child means the world to me. I simply won't feel completely safe and comfortable in exercising my rights as a Missouri citizen to participate in the medical cannabis program here until there are more protections in place. It would be devastating to have my legal patient status held against me. My health conditions are not something I asked for, and how my doctor and I think is best for me to medicate should never impact a court's decision on if I am a fit mother, so long as there are no other risks involved outside of my legal patient status.In my volunteer work with NORML KC as their Communications Director, I have come across too many stories of parents and guardians who have had this held against them in Family Court proceedings, and it has absolutely terrified me. There are almost 80,000 MMJ patients registered in Missouri, many of whom are parents and guardians. We are not criminals. We are loving, caring parents. We deserve support and to be protected. We deserve to feel safe. Please help us keep families together by voting "do pass" on SB 357.Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.



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To whom it may concern. I would like to state that as a resident in Missouri where medical Cannabis is legal under state law. I believe there should be no reason that anyone who holds a medical card for the use of cannabis should have any action taken against them or their children in any court in the state. We enacted this law for the health of our citizens and it should be treated as such. We would not consider presenting the fact that someone was legally on prescription medication for another ailment so why should this be any different. The simple answer It shouldn't.



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WHY HOUSE BILL 1325 (Section 487.205 RSMo) IS NEEDED IN MO. By LAURIE V. SNELL, Attorney at Law (Mo Bar #41978)As an attorney that represents parents and families in Jackson County Family Court and have for more than 25 years, I can attest first-hand to the fact that this legislation is needed to get the courts to just follow-the-law and recognize/remember that medical marijuana IS legal ANDparent patients cannot be discriminated against!As you may know, the history of marijuana vilification is long, ugly and complex. Constitutional Amendment 2, Article 14 in Missouri does not by itself fully confront nor remedy the discriminatory impact that marijuana use causes for our poor and minority citizens – and never more so than in Family Court.As you may not realize, Missouri is a really tough place to try to parent freely or to try to parent in this social-media-frenzy society without scrutiny and judgment over every action/inaction as parents.The long-standing presumption with Children’s Division and at Family Court is that marijuana negatively impacts parental fitness -- period. However, the scrutiny and judgment around marijuana disparately impacts the poor and minority patients who end-up at Family Court. Even after enactment of Constitutional Amendment 2, Article 14, great parents who have been prescribed/certified for marijuana treatment are losing custody of their children or not getting them back simply for taking their medication, as prescribed and even though the law should protect them.This discriminatory treatment occurs even though Article 14 of Amendment 2 establishes the state of the law. Because right now the Judges and Commissioners believe their interpretation of how the law will be applied to patient families in front of them is still up to them. Some recent statements of Commissioners and Judges in Jackson County Family Court TO certified patients -- even since the Medical Marijuana law was enacted show clear bias, much confusion and real discrimination:

“Not sure how courts in Missouri will resolve the issue of marijuana in the state, but use doesn’t help convince me that parent can take care of a child.” (we know how legislature resolved the issue, by passing Amendment 2, Art. 14!) “I don’t believe the suggestion that marijuana calms people down. Might even make them aggressive. . . For sure can demotivate people and parents don’t need to be demotivated – there are risks there. . .” (this judge’s misinformation/lack of education is exactly the reason for Amendment 2, yet he controls his court. . .)“With all these so-called marijuana reforms, in my opinion parents should just stay away from these so-called-marijuana-doctors in dirty lab coats.” (the judge is so mis-informed, he doesn’t even know the doctors don’t dispense!)House Bill 1325 -- like Section 487.200 RSMo (est Aug. 2017) – will be the thing that families and their advocates can use to help eliminate the bias’ AND remind Missouri’s judicial officers that their predispositions against medical marijuana are unlawful and won’t be tolerated. Simply put, House Bill 1325 provides for marijuana patients what section 487.200 RSMo did for methadone patients – a statute to point to which provides them a direction of fairness to give their Judge/Commissioner.Please pass House Bill 1325 – what will be Section 487.205 RSMo -- it is needed so that family courts actually follow the law regarding

the state's patient parents! Thank you!



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I believe the right to medicate my children as I see fit under the guidelines of a medical professional, while following state and local laws should be considered.. these are our children that the pharmaceutical company's are poisoning with horrible medicine. Its our right and responsibility to stand up for our children their well being and choices with what we put into our bodies.



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I am in support of this as we do not penalize medications during family court cases outside of whether the parent is compliant with taking medication if there are significant mental health concerns.



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Our organization is NORML Kansas City, a chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). We reaching out today on behalf of patients, parents, guardians and the members of our organization. Since establishing NORML KC in 2015, we have been outspoken advocates for safe and legal access to medical cannabis. With the passage of Article XIV, we have refocused our energy to ensure that registered Missouri patients are protected under all areas of the law. Like two out of three Missourians, we believe that patients suffering from chronic pain and other serious health issues should have the freedom to choose, along with their doctor, the treatment best suited for their specific health needs. Our Board is made up of parents, grandparents, caregivers, patients, and veterans that understand the therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis, and we want patients that are parents and guardians to be protected under Missouri law in family court proceedings. It is important to create protections to prevent the cruel and unnecessary removal of children from a loving home simply due to a parent's status as a legal medical cannabis patient. It is our understanding that the use of cannabis by parents is often a determining factor in family court proceedings and when state authorities consider removing a child from a home. This is not consistent with how the courts view other medications. This is a topic that deeply concerns many Missouri patients and their loved ones. To address this issue, we crafted H.B. 1325 to protect patients and their families. We worked closely with several attorneys and modeled our language from a previous bill (S.B. 501) that passed in 2017 which created protections in family court for parents that receive medication-assisted treatment. H.B. 1325 would extend those same protections to registered Missouri medical cannabis patients. We respectfully ask the members of the Emerging Issues Committee to support H.B. 1325 with a recommendation of "do pass".



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Cannabis has been used for a wide variety of ailments for literally centuries. It was raised by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. It makes absolutely no sense for the state of Missouri to hold use of this medicine against parents in Family Court.



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This bill is in direct opposition to the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes BY THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI



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It is time for the old beliefs that cannabis causes aberrant behavior to be abandoned. If I were a family court judge I would be pleased that a parent chooses to use cannabis above dangerous opioids and psych medications. Cannabis is short acting and non addictive and it cannot kill you like other drugs.



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I am a divorced father of three daughters, I pay \$702. a month in child support. I work over 40 hours a week full time. I am also a medical marijuana patient, I attribute medical marijuana to helping me fight my P.T.S.D. related depression and spinal pain from degenerative arthritis. I feel as a patient we should not be discriminated against for our choice of medication. I have been prescribed pharmaceutical antidepressants and painkillers several times in my life. The last time I was prescribed antidepressants and painkillers, I attempted suicide and had a psychotic episode that cost me my marriage and custody of my children. I do not consume medical marijuana in front of my children, nor do I allow it's paraphernalia to be left out in their sight. My medical marijuana use has allowed me to become a productive worker, more compassionate and energetic father as well as feeling a better quality of life. I feel we should no longer be discriminated against in family courts and in the workplace.



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The MoCannTrade Association supports this legislation as it is consistent with Article 14 of the Constitution because it ensures qualifying medical marijuana patients are not discriminated against.