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To The Standing Committee on Health, Aging Community and Social Service Inquiry into the exposure Draft of drug dependance (cannabis use for medical purposes)

To Whom it may concern,

Our son [REDACTED] is a 9 year old boy with severe epilepsy , he is still having daily seizures and had been fitting most of his life despite multiple medications. He is currently having 4-10 seizures daily which effect his function, these are often drop attacks which can be dangerous as he will just drop without warning.

[REDACTED] is globally delayed and this is made worse by multiple medication that don't really work for seizure control and effect his alertness and co -ordination as he tries to walk. We have tried everything from brain surgery which didn't work to diets and just about every drug on the market to control seizures and he still fits.

A few months back we downed one of his meds to try and improve his function but sadly he started fitting badly again up to 30 seizures a day so we had to put it back . This drug Dilantin is grossing effecting his gums which are growing over his teeth, so we now need surgery to correct this in the near future.

Side effect of medications are making my son worse then he needs to be,there is a different little boy under the drugs which we get glimpses of and then he is gone again, We are hopeful that medical Cannabis will be able to be used legally and soon so [REDACTED] may have hope of a better quality life.

[REDACTED] has been on several drugs and is currently on one which aren't tested in children and we don't know the long term effects of any of the drugs he is on , so how is this any different to the medicinal cannabis.

We would clearly like to try the medical cannabis as it give us hope, and it may work to improve his quality of life, as I have said before other drugs aren't working effectively and cause bad side effects making him dopey and uncoordinated daily.

Why are we reinventing the wheel in trailing something that is legal and works well in other countries when we could be helping poor children like [REDACTED] and our family have a better quality of life.

Please consider allowing children like [REDACTED] to access medical cannabis now!! not in years to come when we finally get it trailed.

I await your reply

Regards

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