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Aloha,

We just arrived home from a wonderful time away, although it was non stop busy, I have new insights into my son. When he was away from the marijuana and could only vape, he came back around to being an engaged and connected family member surprisingly fast, and I can't tell you how much we enjoyed that. But the second he got into the marijuana dispensaries in California, he became that distant, mumbling, disengaged person again. The only thing is that he cannot see the difference and thinks he's fine either way. Nothing we can say or explain to him helps him understand the problem.

The reason I'm sending this email today is because my son was caught vaping on our flight home today. I was humiliated and disappointed, and because he was so respectful with the flight attendants they said they wouldn't escalate the matter. When the plane landed I pulled one of the flight attendants aside and told them that he is addicted to medical marijuana and ever since this happened he's lost his reasoning skills and is much like a 15 year old. He's no longer 'Mr. Father Knows Best', although he is still a very kind and gentle soul, he has absolutely regressed. I did Google how dangerous it is to vape in a plane lavatory, and thankfully it's not dangerous, but it is the rules.

While I don't want my son arrested, unless it's what the law requires, I do not want this swept under the rug. I want him to understand there's a consequence, and all my lecturing isn't sinking in to him. The flight attendant told me that someone will likely follow up with him, and I hope to God that happens.

What will it take to have him limited in his usage to perhaps just vaping, or to get him into treatment, or to have his card taken away? Having his card completely taken away without treatment does scare me because I don't know if he is actually sick with schizophrenia. And if he is, I don't want him disappearing to the mainland chasing after legal marijuana if he's suffering from a true mental illness, not just an induced one.

I hope your meeting went well and was productive. I look forward to finding the meeting minutes and following up.

Thank you for listening.

With sincere regards,

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- Agenda Item #4

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I am submitting written testimony for the 06/27/2022 meeting, agenda item IV, letter d:

IV. Discussion and formation of the following Permitted Interaction Groups ("PIGs"):

d. Medical Use Working Group: to identify the concerns and priorities of registered medical use patients and certifying medical providers and make recommendations on policies that would help to address these.

Greetings,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Soon-Ja Tyrrell, and I am a psychiatric nurse practitioner. I have practiced in Washington state, where I have treated patients using medical cannabis, attended professional medical cannabis lectures, and worked with certified cannabis consultants at the AIMS (Advanced Integrative Medical Science) Institute in Seattle.

I also precepted under board-certified addiction specialist and psychiatrist Sidarth Wakhlu, MD in Dallas, Texas. Cannabis was recently authorized (for medical use only) in September 2021.

I was born and raised on Guam, but currently live and work in Hawaii. I practice remotely in Texas via telemedicine for LifeStance Health and have a relationship with The Center for Healing and Transformation in Kailua on Oahu.

As an islander of mixed heritage, I have an innate understanding of Asian Pacific Islander culture. I have seen the pros and cons of using medical and recreational cannabis across multiple states, with experience in both inpatient and outpatient psychiatry.

I have two questions: 1) What are our plans for educating patients about the risks and benefits of the

different strains of cannabis, specifically, the risk of increased cases of psychosis (mostly seen with the abuse of sativa strains that have high concentrations of THC) versus the benefits of non-hallucinogenic cannabinoids, such as THCA (the most abundant non-psychoactive cannabinoid found in the plant).

My second question: 2) How do I get in contact with the leader of the Medical Use Working Group? I would like to do anything I can to help. My first and foremost concern is safety of both the patients and the general public. Please let me know how I may be of service.

Thank you kindly,

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