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RE: Alepsia

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of *Hope 4 Children with Epilepsy* in their endeavor to have the product 'Alepsia,' a High-CBD/Low-THC Cannabis extract, available for use here in Utah. I am a pharmacist in Utah that has worked in both the retail and institutional setting for more than 20 years. Over the course of my career, I have cared for hundreds of people, children and adults, with epilepsy. Recently, two children in my care have had uncontrollable forms of epilepsy (one has passed away as a result). It is frustrating as a health care professional to have zero options of assistance for patients that are seeking advise.

Historically, natural medicines have been an integral part of our health care system. Thanks to the discovery of the Papyrus Ebers, we know the Egyptians living around 1500 BC had more than 700 drugs derived from vegetable, animal, and mineral sources several of which are still used today. Utah has carried the mantle of natural medications into this century. As a matter of fact, nutritional supplements is Utah's third largest industry. Presently, there are more than 150 nutritional product companies within the state accounting for 10% to 20% of the U.S. nutritional supplement market. This industry is promising considering the fact that one in five Americans consumes some sort of supplement daily and one-third have used herbs at least once to treat symptoms for colds, headaches, depression, and much more.

Unfortunately, politics have entered the medical industry and excluded entirely the use of certain natural products. In our attempt to legislate morality, all we have done is impede our own freedom to discover and produce products, (i.e. medications) which can be for our societal benefit. I believe Utah should place people over politics and make High-CBD/Low-THC Cannabanoids available. Current medical literature documents potential benefits to children with uncontrolled forms of epilepsy.

In conclusion, generally, I believe that **any** product that can improve the quality of life should be available for use. Specifically, Alepsia should be made available immediately to children with uncontrolled forms of epilepsy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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