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To Whom it may concern

Re: Cannibidiol Oil for Utah children with severe epilepsy

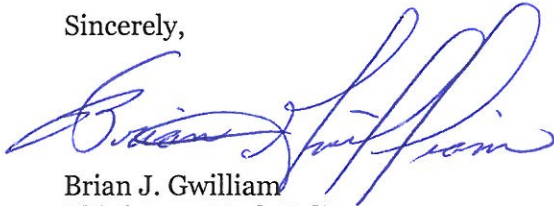
I am writing to offer my support in behalf of Utah families seeking to make the use of High- CBD/Low-THC Cannabis available to their children here in Utah. I am a law enforcement professional and have been neighbors for many years with a young man who suffers from Dravet Syndrome (a form of intractable epilepsy that begins in infancy.)

Having been employed for the past 19 years in the Law Enforcement profession I am acutely familiar with the psychoactive effects of cannabis or marijuana. The levels of THC available in the cannabis accessible on the "street" can and does have adverse effects on those we come in contact with.

CBD and THC are the two primary cannabinoids produced by the cannabis (marijuana) plant. Research shows that CBD does not have the THC-like psychoactivity. There have been efforts in the private community to separate these two components and use the CBD's as a treatment for children who suffer with forms of epilepsy. There are also some accounts and other evidence showing CBD effectiveness for epilepsy, especially in children. We should find a way to get CBD to patients who need it, but we owe those who suffer a product with safety assurances. Many products on the current "medical" marijuana market have no such assurances.

In conclusion let me be clear that I am not advocating the legalization of medical marijuana. However I believe that we owe it to our children to explore avenues that may offer hope of a better quality of life.

Sincerely,



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