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I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the proposed ordinance to limit the ability of medical patients and caregivers to grow for their medical needs. Frankly, this bill is a Medical Cannabis Travesty. The only place medical marijuana patients can turn to for safe cannabis is their own garden. Local and state regulators in Colorado have failed miserably in creating safe access to cannabis as medicine. As a long term consultant in the cannabis industry, I have toured many facilities and seen unethical practices go completely un-regulated in both Denver and Boulder Co. I have seen buckets of finished cannabis covered in black mold that is about to go to market; Dangerous chemicals such as Avid and Eagle20 are sprayed on flowering plants. Un-ethical businesses trying to cash in on cannabis have no qualms about selling product laced with chemicals, mildew and mold….all of which are detrimental, especially to those with impaired immune systems. Now these same companies are lobbying to take away patients rights and force them into buying their profitable poison.

Your bill will prevent patients from growing enough for their medical needs. Cold pressed juicing is by far the best way to deliver non-intoxicating, non-activated cannabinoids in there healthiest and most anti inflammatory form. I have personally seen dramatic effects on patients including completely curing mercury toxicity through these methods. Cultivating healthy cannabis for juicing is done through a slow organic farming method. Patients need to juice one 3 foot tall plant a day to receive true benefits form juicing the plant. These patients never even flower their plants; they can be processed in the vegetative stage. However, due to the timeline required, they must cultivate plants for up to a 90 day period before they are ready to juice. This requires up to 90 plants in a vegetative cycle. There is no alternative available through the retail market. Please do not take away patients' abilities to truly use the cannabis plant medicinally.

CBD strains. This bill will also harm those growing for CBD and similar medical uses. There is a waiting list of 3000 patients trying to obtain strains such as Charlottes Web. Most of these patients are children with epilepsy that have moved to Colorado for an opportunity to try this new potential medicine. The cost of treatment with CBD averages $300 a month, which must be paid out of pocket because insurance does not cover these treatments. Many families simply can't afford to purchase CBD medicine and must cultivate their own in order supply their suffering children. In order to get 10 grams a month of refined CBD tincture, parents must be able to cultivate up to 200 grams of cannabis and then extract the CBD. The quickest way to cultivate this many grams is by far a sea of green methodology; where very small plants are flowered regularly to expedite the cultivation process and minimize the space required. Your proposed ordinance make it cost prohibitive for parents to help their own children, as well as prevent adults with epilepsy and other serious medical issues from treating themselves.

Plant count limits will not slow down the black market; it will only limit REAL patients from receiving their help. The only way to truly limit the black market is to understand the process, which sadly this ordinance does not. I urge you to vote NO on the proposed caregiver ordinance and come up with a viable solution that addresses your concerns without harming

patients'.

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