

Honored Delegates,

I, Ezra Gray, the General Manager of Greenlight Therapeutics dispensary in Gambrills, MD, am submitting this written testimony in favor of HB-217. First let me start by thanking you. You all have allowed us to help people in need all over Maryland and I am endlessly thankful for you giving us that opportunity. That decision took courage to make and I commend you for that. Now, as you have decided to make this business legal in the State of Maryland, I ask that you consider taking another step towards our normalization. This tax bill will simply allow us to be taxed in the same manner as other legal businesses in the State. This will greatly improve our ability to continue to provide medicine for our fellow Marylanders. Especially for a small independent business such as the one I have the honor of running, the impact of a change like this will be incredible. As it currently stands, as revenue goes up, so do our tax liabilities. This makes it much harder for us to focus our extra funds on increasing our ability to provide medicine to the people of Maryland. With the extra revenue, we will be able to take on more people, creating more jobs and in turn positively impacting the economy. I urge you to consider the positive impact passing this bill could have on our business, our employees, and our community. Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter and for providing me the opportunity to give testimony.

Sincerely,

Ezra Gray, General Manger of Greenlight Therapeutics Dispensary