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I have some input.

I understand the hearing today is supposed to focus on distribution and production.

In regards to distribution, I hope they choose to ensure distribution in all counties of CT. Also, any level of pricing has not been publicly disclosed. Distribution was to begin this summer, but if production has not begin then I find that doubtful. Is there a more detailed timeline in regards to when each step is anticipated? Also, perhaps adding what is being distributed and at which location would be good. I don't want medical marijuana that isn't going to help my spinal issue.

"Strains": as I understand there are different types of marijuana and each different type effects different conditions. Is there anyway to ensure these different strains will be available? Also, I understand their are strains that you can use that simply let you use the analgesic properties without any type of "head high" or "couch lock".

Lastly, and always, I'd like to point to the fact that some of us would like to participate in the MMP program but need a doctor that will prescribe it. I live on the CT and RI border, and my doctor is in RI. He's also not interested in the program.

Trying to find a new doctor is difficult enough, but finding one who is participating in the MMP without looking like I'm "fishing" is difficult to say the least. What about a list?

I was injured in a car accident on June 20th, 2008. Since then I've been on Vicodin or stronger (stronger mostly after my December 2010 surgery). I do not use recreational drugs at all. I think medical marijuana looks the best for me without truly knowing. I do know it's less harmful on my body than the Vicodin I've been taking for almost 5 years.

My pain will never go away and I'll never heal. I think this is why I find it difficult to find a new doctor; most doctors don't want a patient that can't be helped and don't like continual narcotic prescriptions.

I'm back at UCONN and trying to get certified to teach. I have an AS in Law Enforcement; having said that, all of my research is academic at best and primarily based on internet research with focus on California and Colorado. I can pass any drug test because I don't use illegally and don't self or over medicate. I'm simply trying to do what's best for me and manage my pain.

Thank you,

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