

My name is Dennis Abbott. I represent myself. I am a proponent of the SB113 Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act. I believe that this bill will help the people of Kansas.

I want to thank the Senate Public Health and Welfare committee for letting me testify in favor of SB 113 Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act.

My father was a Navy veteran during World War II. I witnessed the struggles he had from his experience during the war. My wife's grandfather was also a Army veteran during World War II. He was wounded during the Battle of Bulge and was presented with a Purple Heart. My wife also witnessed his struggles during her childhood.

On average 22 veterans commit suicide every day in the US. Most of these veterans suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I believe that Medical Cannabis would provide the relief needed to these veterans and lower the suicide rate. This is not a Republican or Democrat problem. It is a immediate problem that needs to be corrected, so veterans can live a better life. Not supporting the Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act is not an option.

I am a Type 1 Diabetic. I have had 2 surgeries on my left shoulder and 4 surgeries on my hands due to complications of diabetes. I also have peripheral neuropathy in my hands and my feet due to complications of diabetes. There many Kansans that have many of the diseases that would make them eligible for the use of the Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act.

Also, the State of Kansas would profit from SB113 Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act. The state would get \$21.75 plus sales tax from each ounce of cannabis sold to Kansas consumers. From my research, an ounce would be an average amount for a three month supply.

I am very much in favor of the Public Health and Welfare committee voting to move SB113 Veterans First! Medical Cannabis Act forward to the Kansas Senate. I truly believe that this bill will help a lot of people get the relief they need to live the Kansas life. SB 113 would let honest Kansans help the people of the state.

Thank you again for your time.