

Statement by Petitioner Gary Clark

My name is Gary Clark. I live in Sandy. I am a retired statistician, and psychometrician. I came to Utah in 1993. I worked for Novell and along with my Utah native partners founded my own company - Galton Technologies which employed up to 60 people based in Provo and later American Fork.

My wife is Pamela Clark. Pamela also migrated to Utah for Novell. She loves Moab, camping, mountain biking and these fabulous Rockies. Pamela is a teacher, a former PBS executive, a former hospice volunteer, a voracious reader and the mom for our two teenage sons.

Pamela has MS. Cannabis is one non-toxic way for her to get relief. We voted for Prop. 2 believing it's passage would eliminate the prohibition against this medicine in Utah. Specifically we liked that whole plant options would be legal and accessible. We recognize that the various cannabinoid and terpene profiles of cannabis strains can be more or less helpful and more is to be learned here. We were looking forward to finding the most effective strains for Pamela. MS affects different people in different ways. MS also affects the same person in different ways from day-to-day (or even from hour-to-hour). One recurring symptom Pamela experiences is lack of control of hands and fingers. This makes it difficult for her to sign her name, use a knife and fork, type on a keyboard, etc. Pamela's spasms might occur anywhere but typically show up in her bladder making elimination difficult. She fatigues quickly which can happen any day at any moment. When this does happen she loses muscle strength, coordination and balance. It happened in November resulting in a broken hip.

Prop 2 was not the perfect solution. But, it was a nice start that would have allowed Pamela to legally acquire cannabis and to be able to easily experiment with strains to find those that work best for her. Prop 2 would have allowed Pamela to possess cannabis oil, edible or flower in order to find the best delivery method for her needs. It would have allowed for easy acquisition and we thought it would have allowed her to carry it without fear of being detained and arrested or worse.

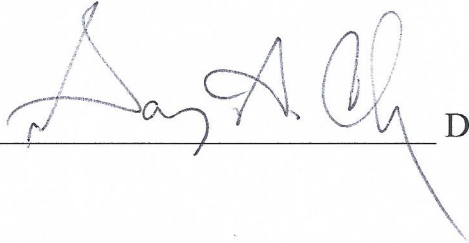
And then Prop 2 was gutted - replaced by an ill conceived, rushed, and poorly thought out HB3001. The various theories regarding the genesis of HB3001 need no rearticulation by me here. The result however guarantees that access will be delayed, patients will continue to be criminals (or at best suspects), varieties will be restricted (how many bubble packs of how many different cannabinoid/terpene combinations can you build in advance?) packaging will be prohibitive (imagine fighting through bubble packs with greatly reduced hand function) and access will be restricted (30 day supply, central fill).

I have supported Prop 2 from the beginning. I voted early for Prop 2. I knew exactly what the proposition stated, and knew exactly what I and 53% of voters supported. The Utah legislature and the governor are attempting to overstep their bounds, denying the citizens our constitutionally granted right to equal say in our government. Had the legislature passed a cannabis law years ago when many of us started clamoring for it none of us would be here today. But the legislature ignored the issue and we, following our constitutionally guaranteed rights created Prop 2. We authored it, we got it on the ballot and we fought some of the most

powerful, ill informed groups in the state who resisted us every step of the way. Who would have thought that our very own legislature would join the fight against us and over-turn the will of the people. Who'd have thought?

I would respectfully ask this body to find HB3001 unconstitutional, to vacate it and to reinstate Prop. 2 as Utah's Medical Cannabis law.

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Signature:  Date: 3/23/19