To: The Honorable Richard Steenland ((**S 786**), House Office Building City, Mi 48933

RE: House Bill 5300, 5301 and 5302, by **Jim Lilly, TC Clements,** and **Richard Steenland** Our opposition of 5300, 5301 and 5302 legislative bills)

BRIEF: OPOSITION

Key House Bill 5301 Opposition points.

1. It causes an undue burden to me.
2. The licensed businesses cannot properly service us, especially those with cancer and life-threatening diseases
3. we cannot afford the prices big business solutions charge therefore causing us to go without our medicine.
4. The specialty medical products created by caregivers are niche “on-demand” products delivered to achieve specific medical benefits, these specialty products have limited markets and are not big money maker’s so big box solutions don’t meet the needs of patients for these critical products and their delivery.

We are pro-“no changes” to the 2008 voter approved (by 63% in favor) “marijuana like medical marijuana” vote, whereas the recent (2018) recreational-use law and manufacturers push is for “marijuana like alcohol”. There is a fundamental almost crime going on here. The 2008 vote was “marijuana is medical marijuana”. This is very different from the 2018 campaign to treat marijuana “like alcohol”. Two different issues, campaigns, votes, approaches, concepts and systems, different regulations for different markets. Please keep them separate.

Dear Honorable **Richard Steenland** of Roseville,

My name is Charles Strackbein, and I am the Founder of the Legendary Ann Arbor Monroe Street Fair and Founding Board Chair of MICHIGO, A specialty Michigan Tourism and Hospitality Organization and a Macomb County voter.

I was a passenger in a violent auto accident in Macomb County in 1988. I suffered multiple serious injuries and was hospitalized for 3 weeks. I’ve been through plenty of Occupational, Physical and Vocational therapy and cannabis helps relieve my remaining head, neck, hip and back pain.

Cannabis has also met my alcohol and nicotine addictions head-on leading me to an alcohol, tobacco, and nicotine free lifestyle. My health has improved 10-fold as I benefit from personal cannabis use. Please reject these bills that will decimate my relationship with the source of my medicine.

Please allow me the personal responsibility of choice of medical cannabis medicine, and the method, date, time, and place of any testing of my cannabis. The last 5,000 years have shown people benefiting from the personal use of cannabis with no major health issues reported, all within the trust of close relationships. Please let this help guide your decision to reject these manufactured ideas and interests.

I trust my caregiver and quality based on my close relationship and transparent growing efforts. I do not know big box solutions personally; they are relatively unestablished all things considered. I think the existing relationships should stand separately as completely different laws and systems.

I do believe big box solutions have debts to satisfy, out-of-state officials and stakeholders and are more likely to cut corners and therefore need to have their cannabis tested for the sake of all cannabis consumers in Michigan. One exists as a personal relationship founded on trust, while the other is a complete commercial endeavor designed to satisfy Michigan’s adult-use market while providing returns to stakeholders. Please consider the differences and keep our unique solution in place.

Plus, there are far more licensed medical facilities than recreational facilities and only 13 testing facilities for over 30,000 caregivers. This bill is ill-founded and not practical. Please vote no. Please keep our voter passed 2008 Medical use cannabis caregiver system and MMFLA Laws and regulations in place.

There is no problem with the caregiver system. The surveys are manufactured with no input from Michigan Patients. The MCMA claims to represent the interests of over 1/2 the class-C Licensed Marijuana businesses yet fail to mention how many patients they officially represent. They do not properly credit or qualify their claims and statements, leaving them without any authority.

Please let me know your thoughts on this bill and how you intend to vote and why.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Strackbein

Print your name Street address

City, State, Zip code

Sheet 2: Notes and Contact Info.

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Customize with your own experience and email, and do a few follow up calls

Email house representatives AND your hometown Representative. Change the names, dates, and details as necessary.

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