

Hollander, Bill H.

From: Matt Daley ·
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:48 PM
To: Hollander, Bill H.
Subject: From Sec. Alison Lundergan Grimes: Our friend and advocate Patrick Dunagam will present a resolution on behalf of his wife for Medical Cannabis.
Attachments: Mason County MMJ Resolution.pdf; Maysville Cannabis Resolution.pdf; Neurologists Letter part 1.pdf; Neurologists Letter part 2.pdf

Bill,

Thank you for your time today.

Sec. Grimes wants to notify metro council members about a very special guest who is scheduled to address council tomorrow about the need for medical cannabis for his sick wife. His name is Patrick Dunagam, a 45 year Louisville resident, and a tireless advocate for folks suffering from rare diseases. I have attached a sample resolution from the city of Maysville along with a companion resolution from Mason County that he intends to share with you. Also attached is a letter written by his wife's University of Louisville neurologist in support of medical cannabis.

He truly is representative of the thousands of Kentuckians that Sec. Grimes and her bipartisan medical marijuana task force have met with who desperately need our help. The task force represents Kentucky's medical community, including doctors, nurses and medical administrators, as well as representatives from law enforcement and state agencies with regulatory oversight, medical marijuana advocates, and military veterans — several of whom are Jefferson Countians. The result of their work has produced House Bill 166, the nation's gold standard medical cannabis bill. If passed, it would make KY the 30th state in the nation to adopt this critical program for its citizens.

It is Sec. Grimes' hope that Metro Council will consider a similar resolution at tomorrow's meeting and vote in favor of it so we don't leave folks like Patrick and his wife behind.

Thank you,

Matt Daley
State Director
Alison Lundergan Grimes

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF MAYSVILLE
Resolution No. 16-82

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL

WHEREAS, Eric Crawford is a resident of Mason County, Kentucky, who became disabled in an automobile accident as a young man, and suffers from continuing and constant pain and other complications as a result of his injuries; and


WHEREAS, Eric Crawford addressed the City Commission at its regular meeting this date, and advised the City that a Medical Marijuana bill, may be presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in its regular session, and requesting that the City Commission urge the Kentucky General Assembly to adopt such legislation; and

WHEREAS, Eric Crawford detailed his pain and various conditions in a compelling presentation, and told the City Commission that he is on many medications, including narcotic pain relievers, which have many adverse side effects, but the most effective drug to provide him relief is marijuana, which is illegal in Kentucky, and cannot be legally administered to him in his home State; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to provide whatever relief is available or which may become available to provide for the medical needs of Eric Crawford.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY, that such body encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to consider legislation for medical marijuana which provides for the care, comfort and relief of Eric Crawford, or other similarly situated person, within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY, this 8 September 2016.



David W. Cartmell, Mayor

Introduced and adopted: 8 September 2016.
Signed by Mayor: 9 September 2016.
Recorded by Clerk: 9 September 2016.

ATTEST:



Lisa R. Dunbar, City Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
MASON FISCAL COURT
RESOLUTION NO. 14-2

WHEREAS, Eric Crawford is a resident of Mason County, Kentucky, who became disabled in an automobile accident as a young man, and suffers from continuing and constant pain and other complications as a result of his injuries; and

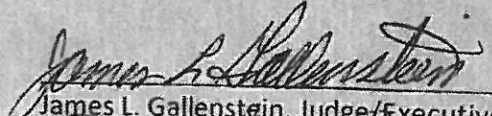
WHEREAS, Eric Crawford addressed the Mason Fiscal Court at its regular meeting this date, and advised the Fiscal Court that Senate Bill 43, titled the Cannabis Compassion Act, may be presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in its regular session, and requesting that the Mason Fiscal Court urge the Kentucky General Assembly to adopt such legislation; and

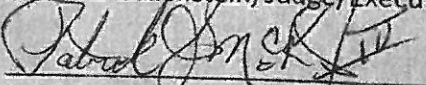
WHEREAS, Eric Crawford detailed his pain and various conditions in a compelling presentation, and told the Fiscal Court that he is on many medications, including narcotic pain relievers, which have many adverse side effects, but the most effective drug to provide him relief is marijuana, which is illegal in Kentucky, and cannot be legally administered to him in his home State; and

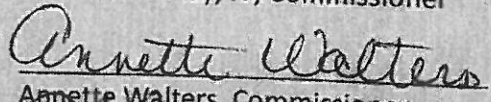
WHEREAS, the Mason Fiscal Court encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to provide whatever relief is available or which may become available to provide for the medical needs of Mason County citizen Eric Crawford.

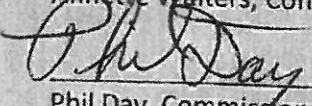
NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Fiscal Court of Mason County, Kentucky, that such body encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to consider Senate Bill 43, or other legislation, which provides for the care, comfort and relief of Eric Crawford, or other similarly situated persons, within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RESOLVED this 14th day of January, 2014.

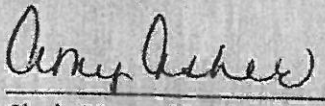

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Annette Walters, Commissioner


Phil Day, Commissioner

ATTESTED BY:


Clerk, Mason Fiscal Court

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I am writing at the request of my patient Jennifer Dunegan. I am her treating neurologist at the University of Louisville. The opinions expressed in this letter are my own and in no way a position statement by the university.

Mrs. Dunegan has epilepsy, fibromyalgia and other forms of chronic pain. The cannabinoid cannabidiol (CBD) found in *Cannabis sativa* is effective for her seizures. However, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the necessary cannabinoid found in *Cannabis sativa* to treat her pain. CBD is ineffective in treating pain. In addition, there is mounting evidence that higher levels of THC are needed in conjunction with CBD to more effectively treat epilepsy. Much higher levels than those allowed under the Senate Bill 124.

In regards to CBD and CBD oil I have patients on a daily basis in my office requesting to try it for their epilepsy or for their child's epilepsy. The Senate Bill 124 that passed was a good thing on paper. After the bill passed there were no sources of the oil available for patients and no funding. It was essentially useless for my patients and was extremely frustrating for both them and myself. I have patients who have become permanent residents of Colorado in order to obtain the CBD oil. They currently are still not getting the oil in Kentucky.

I have reviewed the online position statement issued by the American Academy of Neurology on the use of medical marijuana for neurologic disorders. They recognize its potential use for the treatment of certain neurologic disorders and support all efforts to conduct rigorous research to evaluate its safety and efficacy. They also state that they request, for research purposes, the "reclassification of marijuana-based products from their current Schedule 1 status so as to improve

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access for study of marijuana or cannabinoids under IRB-
approved research protocols."

In terms of house bill 3 the one thing that I ask to be changed is
the part requiring a prescription from a physician. This is not
required in any other state that has legalized medical marijuana.
In fact, a physician is not going to be able to prescribe marijuana
as it stands as a Schedule 1 controlled substance. The bill, in my
opinion, should be changed from a physician prescription to a
physician recommendation.

Sincerely,

Christopher Shafer, M.D.

