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Kevin Koester  
4207 SW Walnut St.  
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Re: HF 520 (formerly HSB 164 as amended)  
SF 470 (formerly SF 282 as amended)

Dear Rep. Koester,

HF 520 is on the House daily debate calendar today.

I am opposed to this bill because it extends the Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Act of 2014, Acts, Chapter 1125. The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Act requires patients to obtain cannabis products from “an out-of-state” source. Iowa Code § 124D.6(1)(b) (2017). Crossing state lines with cannabis products is expressly forbidden by federal law, and forbidden by federal enforcement guidelines.

21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et seq., Pub. L. 91–513, Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1236.

The current federal guidelines can be found at:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-update-marijuana-enforcement-policy>

The federal guidelines specify eight (8) federal enforcement priorities. The third enforcement priority is:

Preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states

I cannot think of anything that could be worse for Iowa patients. Cannabis products have always been available on the black market. Iowa does not need to have a law approving that kind of nonsense.

I would urge you to re-consider sending lowans to other states to obtain cannabis products of unknown content from the black market.

Please amend the bill or vote no.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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