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Dear Members of the House Human Services committee,

I would like to respond to Police Chief Dave Draovitch's testimony. Ingestion of edibles by children is an issue, but I don't think that banning edibles is the correct response as smoking is more troublesome to ones health than oral consumption.

I would suggest that the bill be amended to provide fines for people who allow children to consume edibles either willfully or through negligence. Reporting would be through doctors and hospitals as mandatory reporters. However, statistics show that 60,000 children under the age of 5 accidentally swallow dangerous drugs every year according to the CDC. This is a larger problem and while I'm not trying to minimize the effects of marijuana on children, it isn't as bad as some opioid pain killers that children have access to.

I would also suggest that a percentage of the tax collected from marijuana sales should be used for education campaigns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Glaeske', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Glaeske