

Dear Lawmakers,

I have lived with chronic pain for decades, and I previously found a low-dose 7-OH product to be safe and dependable. It allowed me to function normally in daily life.

SB 2408 goes even further than HB 1628 by criminalizing possession of that product, even when use is modest and responsible. I support responsible regulation, but I cannot support SB 2408 because it will turn responsible adults into criminals for something that helps them function safely and independently.

Some people with addiction also use 7-OH as a harm-reduction tool to avoid more dangerous substances. Many of us know someone who struggled with addiction or lost someone to it, and removing safer alternatives will unintentionally push people back toward illicit drugs. Criminalizing possession will make this risk even greater and undo progress made in reducing unnecessary deaths.

— Howard H. Fargo