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My name is Matthew and I have cerebral palsy and anxiety, which makes me suffer muscle spasms and at times, uncontrollable gagging. I was one of the first North Dakota citizens to get a medical cannabis card. Because physical limitations prevent me from being able to dose myself, I cannot medicate with cannabis without the assistance of a caregiver. The single caregiver limit, paired with the reality that my caregiving provider forbids employees from handling medical cannabis, made it impossible for me to get consistent dosing. I gave up and let my card expire. I think the single caregiver limit is ridiculous because how do you expect a patient to get proper care with only one caregiver. This is unfair to the patient and they deserve then just one caregiver. So I'm asking you to increase the number of caregiver limit to 5 per patient. I have people in my life who are willing to help me, but cannot commit to dosing me multiple times every day. With 5 caregivers, I could have a chance at really giving medical cannabis a shot.

To be honest I'm really angry with our legislators, we passed medical marijuana back in 2016 and you guys keep putting it off and what reason I don't know. People of North Dakota voted it in and you guys shut it down, especially for me.

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