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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Crawford Adam
Subject: Testimony and Evidence on SB445

Dear Committee,

Thank you for your time today. Attached are statements and court cases from the National Advocates From Pregnant Women, including statements from their legal director. I will be referencing these items in my testimony tonight in the committee hearing against SB445.

This is another statement that I received from the Director of National Advocates From Pregnant Women via e-mail.

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First Detachment:

Results: The prevalence of reported illicit drug use during pregnancy was 3.6% (standard error 0.24). Pregnant users of cannabis, cocaine, and stimulants were younger, had a lower level of education and lower household income, and were less likely to have used folic acid in the periconceptional period than nonusers. Illicit drug users were also more likely to have used alcohol and tobacco. After adjustment for confounding, cannabis use was not associated with mean birth weight or gestational age or with low birth weight or preterm delivery.

Conclusion: Women who report use of illicit drugs during pregnancy differ in demographic and socioeco- nomic background from nonusers. Reported cannabis use does not seem to be associated with low birth weight or preterm birth.

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As you can see from the attached as well as this letter within, the need for public notice is inappropriate in the case of marijuana v.s. cigarettes or alcohol, as harm to the fetus or nursing infant cannot be substantiated.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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