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My name is Bruce Stern. I reside in Montgomery County.

It has come to my attention that there is an effort, a foot, to eliminate professional medical pharmacists from dispensaries in Pennsylvania.

As a medical marijuana patient, I must suggest that this elimination would be counter-productive to the help that I, personally, have received from these professionals.

I see many people that come into various dispensaries that have no experience with medical marijuana before entering the facility. It has been suggested to them that medical marijuana might help them with their various medical conditions that have previously not been addressed with regular prescriptions. They, like myself, need a qualified and educated expert regarding how to start and what to start with regarding medical marijuana. It is both a blessing and a curse that there are so many varieties to choose from and my first question was where to start? Without the help of Sarah Hessinger at Ethos dispensary, I would have been completely lost regarding products that could help with my specific medical issues. Sarah, an expert pharmacist, on site, helped me choose the correct products which have completely solved my problems. Not only has she offered solutions, but she has eliminated the guess work that I would have had to resort to in a trial and error manner.

If you had an ailment and went to a drug store that didn't have a pharmacist to help with suggestions, it would have been complete guess work as to the correct medicine to get. I am sure that this analogy also applies to medical marijuana.

Finally, I am not sure why the elimination of "marijuana pharmacists" is even an issue? It is prima-facia that when you are doing something for the first time, you can certainly benefit from the advice of an expert. I wonder why anyone would have an issue with that logic.

Do not eliminate marijuana pharmacist. They have helped me immensely and I am positive that they have done the same for many others.

Should you need to contact me I am at brucestern@aol.com