

I am writing to you as a private citizen of Massachusetts about an issue that is very important to me. Please support Bill H.4274 An Act Further Defining Eligibility for Medical use Marijuana. This bill will remove barriers and break stigma access for veterans, for those looking for alternatives to opioids, and those living with substance use disorders. The passing of this bill will accomplish 3 things:

- 1.) Streamline the process for veterans of the United States military receiving health insurance benefits through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain a medical Cannabis card by allowing veterans to submit their Veterans Administration (VA) award letter in-lieu-of visiting and receiving a diagnosis from a registered healthcare professional.
- 2.) Add Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to the list of qualifying conditions.
- 3.) Add Opioid use disorder to the list of qualifying conditions.