



February 4, 2022

The Honorable Kevin Payne  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 W Washington St. Rm 110  
Phoenix Az 85007

Dear Mr. Payne,

We come before you on behalf of Balanced Veterans with dire concerns regarding cannabis testing in Arizona. Ensuring veterans are consuming cannabis that is free of contaminants and heavy metals is of the utmost importance. There is a significant need to strengthen testing requirements, specifically testing each strain of cannabis individually and limiting batch size testing to 15 pounds.

Because of the lack of more stringent requirements, there are huge concerns about toxic contaminants making it onto the shelves in dispensaries. Those contaminants could include molds, mites, heavy metals, and pesticides. Not only is this a significant concern for everyone; for Balanced Veterans, it is a concern for Arizona veterans who rely on medicinal cannabis for medical needs.

We have two BVN representatives in Arizona who will be speaking on our behalf about this issue. Jen Baxter is a US veteran and heads up the Ambassador program for Balanced Veterans. AJ Jacobs, also a US veteran, is a BVN Ambassador. They went to the Senate for a face-to-face meeting, and they will be testifying when this goes to the House.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Millward, President | Founder