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INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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Hi. I live with Endometriosis and PCOS which means I live in chronic pain every day of my life. I'm only 23, I use a cane, and can't get a job because no one wants to hire someone who is always in pain, despite me having a postgraduate degree.

I've been through countless treatments spanning over 10 years. Exactly zero have worked. It's got to the point where I'm suicidal. I'm not LIVING anymore, I'm suffering. No pain medication (except for morphine) works for me, and obviously doctors will not give a 23 year old morphine permanently, no matter how much pain she is in.

Let me also say now, that I have never done drugs (as in illegal drugs) EVER in my entire life. It's something I pride myself on. I come from a family of addiction (especially with alcohol) and I have never touched any sort of drug in my entire existence, not even marijuana. I will never take any substance illegally, even if it might help my pain.

Honestly, I don't know if making it legal medicinally would prompt or encourage me to have it. It would be a decision I wouldn't take lightly, just like I am with every new treatment I try.

But I also know that every girl with Endometriosis who has smoked marijuana for pain relief HAS been helped by it, even if it's a little. To the point even where I know nurses that smoke it just so they can go to work every day so they don't throw up or faint from the excruciating pain we're in every day. And that must mean SOMETHING.. That it's working better than other "pain relief" alternatives such as pain killers.

Please consider introducing medicinal marijuana. For those who NEED it, it can really do a world of difference... And who knows, it might even help me one day if I choose to take it.