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Good morning, Madam Chairwoman and esteemed members of the committee,

My name is John Tramontana and I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. We represent nearly 2,000 veterinarians statewide as well as some veterinary technicians and other personnel and support staff in the field of veterinary medicine. I appreciate the opportunity to testify to you this morning regarding House Bill 5085, which would allow veterinarians to consult with their clients and patients on the use of marijuana and CBD oil. The MVMA strongly supports this bill. Currently, our members are at risk of losing their medical license if they talk about the use of these products or even point their clients toward factual resources to make decisions. They are not allowed to properly treat their patients and we ask the committee to support this bill. To explain more, Dr. Jeffrey Powers is here with me. Dr. Powers has been practicing veterinary medicine in Michigan for 40 years and is a former MVMA president. He also is currently the Chairman of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Biologics and Therapeutics, and also serves as the Chairman for AVMA's Working Group on Cannabis in Pets. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I now turn it over to Dr. Powers.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Tramontana".

John Tramontana
Chief Executive Officer
Michigan Veterinary Medical Association