

Declaration of Michael Gass

I, Michael Gass, hereby state that the facts set forth below are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Further, I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

1. I am 43 years old and live in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
2. I have been married to Melissa Gass for 19 years and have known her since 1996.
3. Because of Ms. Gass's health issues, I am the sole financial support for our family.
4. Ms. Gass has had seizures for the entire time that I have known her. She eventually started managing her seizures by using marijuana, and she went long periods of time without having any seizures. She was effectively controlling her seizures until she stopped using marijuana when she went onto probation.
5. I was present when she had seizures on December 3, 2018, which resulted in her hospitalization. That occurred after she had to stop using marijuana in order to comply with the terms of probation. I also witnessed numerous additional seizures that she had until she started using medical marijuana in February 2019. She was hospitalized at least four times. The medical marijuana has not entirely eliminated her seizures. She still has them on occasion, but it has significantly reduced the frequency.
6. When Ms. Gass has seizures and has access to medical marijuana, all it takes to stop them is rubbing some of the marijuana oil on her gums. Otherwise, either one of our children or I must insert an injection into her rectum and wait several minutes for her to stop seizing.

7. Most recently, Ms. Gass had a series of seizures on October 4. After she spoke with her attorneys, I drove her to the dispensary so that she could get medical marijuana and end her seizures. She had a seizure on the way there, in the car, and again on her way out of the dispensary. The security guard held her up for me while I rubbed the medical marijuana on her gums. Her seizure stopped nearly instantaneously.

8. Ms. Gass cannot function or do anything when she is having uncontrolled seizures. I have repeatedly seen with my own eyes that the prescription medications she takes are ineffective. They leave her in a foggy mental state and dampen her personality. The medical marijuana has been more effective not only at controlling her seizures, but also at allowing her to live more of a normal life with our family.

Pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, I, Michael Gass, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, true and correct.

Dated: 10-8-19

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