



May 25, 2011

Hon. Rob McKenna
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Re: Position on Medical Use of Cannabis


Mr. Attorney General:

I am in receipt of your office's response to my inquiry regarding federal enforcement against Washington state citizens using cannabis for legitimate medical purposes.

As you know, in 1998 Washington voters approved Initiative 692 to allow the use of cannabis for medical purposes. It is my intent, along with many legislative colleagues on both sides of the aisle, to honor the wishes of Washington voters. To do so we need every elected official in the state pulling on the same rope and sending the same message to federal enforcement agencies and to our Congressional delegation.

You have already expressed your opinion on other important federal issues such as health insurance reform and U.S. policy in Israel. As such, your opinion on this issue matters.

Do you support the medical use of cannabis as articulated by Initiative 692? Do you also support a change in federal statute or federal enforcement policy to secure further for Washington state residents the right to use cannabis for medicinal purposes?

Thanks very much for your attention to this important issue. Washington state citizens need their voices heard in the other Washington, and I hope that you will join them, Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independents in expressing support for our state's humane and practical policy allowing for the medical use of cannabis.

Sincerely yours,


Roger Goodman
State Representative, 45th District

