

Support the Jacki Rickert Medical Marijuana Act

I am contacting you to ask for your support for the Jacki Rickert Medical Marijuana Act (JRMMA) that will soon be introduced into the Wisconsin legislature. The JRMMA will allow patients with certain illnesses to purchase medical cannabis (marijuana) with a doctor's recommendation; something that is already legal in 20 other states and supported by over 3/4's of Americans^{1, 2} and doctors³.

Cannabis has been shown to help with the symptoms of many diseases including cancer⁴, HIV/AIDS⁵, neuropathic pain⁶, epilepsy⁷, and Multiple sclerosis⁸. Compared to other drugs legally available by a doctor's prescription, Cannabis has a low risk of addiction, fewer negative side effects, and has never caused a documented case of overdose death⁹. At a time when prescription drug overdoses are killing well over 10,000 Americans every year and raising¹⁰, allowing patients to use a safer alternative could not only improve many patients' well being - it could literally save lives.

Allowing Cannabis to be used by patients with a doctor's recommendation is not only good public health policy, but also popular public health policy. In addition to a super-majority of the public supporting the medical use of Cannabis, it is also supported by a broad coalition of public health organization including the American Medical Association¹¹, the Wisconsin Nurses Association¹², and the Wisconsin Medical Society¹³.

Please co-sponsor the Jacki Rickert Medical Marijuana Act when it gets introduced, and ensure that sick Wisconsinites have access to all of the medicines they need in order to get better.

Print name

Signature

Date

Address -- so we can determine your legislators. (This will only be shared with your legislators)

¹ <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/interactive/2013/05/01/fox-news-poll-85-percent-voters-favor-medical-marijuana/>

² <http://www.people-press.org/2013/04/04/majority-now-supports-legalizing-marijuana/>

³ <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMclde1305159>

⁴ <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/cam/cannabis/healthprofessional/page2>

⁵ <http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0033961>

⁶ <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2950205/>

⁷ <http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/07/health/charlotte-child-medical-marijuana/index.html>

⁸ <http://jnnp.bmj.com/content/83/11/1125.full?sid=2c0c6c61-1b67-4803-b4b3-0f9262c4f68e>

⁹ <http://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/news/20030918/marijuana-smoking-doesnt-kill>

¹⁰ <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/rxbrief/>

¹¹ <http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/csaph/i09csaph3ft.pdf>

¹² http://wisconsinurses.org/media/WNA_Testimony_on_Medical_Marijuana.pdf

¹³ <http://www.examiner.com/article/wisconsin-medical-society-votes-to-update-medical-cannabis-position>