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The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
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STOP THE DISCRIMINATION

Dear Governor Ige,

I respectfully request that your office address the discrimination that our medical cannabis patients and their families are experiencing under the ongoing conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

This discrimination is causing serious negative consequences for our patients:

Being denied employment because of failing a pre-employment drug test.

Being terminated from employment for failing a urine drug screening test that is not designed to detect cannabis impairment in the workplace.

Being denied custody during one-sided child custody hearings.

Being denied life insurance, medical insurance, and temporary disability insurance.

Prohibited from obtaining firearms permits for home defense or hunting.

Prohibited from transporting cannabis medicine to other islands.

Prohibited from using cannabis medicine on school grounds as a child.

Prohibited from using cannabis medicine in Hospice as a terminally ill adult.

Being evicted from federally subsidized housing.

Prohibited from being a commercial driver for the Hawaii Department of Transportation.

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Having children removed from their homes by Child Welfare Services.

Unable to participate in cannabis research within the University of Hawaii System.

Unable to obtain Written Certification from VA healthcare providers.

Last Session, both chambers of our state legislature adopted [HCR132](#), which calls upon the Department of Health to take direct action that can help end the unnecessary conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

At the very least, could you please instruct Director Char to grant my [request](#) for a public hearing on this resolution, so that we can have an open discussion on the best way to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this dire situation. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Aloha,



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