



## The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

June 17, 2020

The Honorable Clare E. Connors  
State of Hawaii Attorney General  
425 Queen Street  
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Dear Madam Attorney General,

I am very concerned about the ongoing conflict between the federal regulation of non-medical use of marijuana and the state-authorized medical use of cannabis in Hawaii.

This conflict is causing harm to hundreds of lawfully certified and registered patients in my district. I do not believe that it was our intent to create this conflict between the state and federal regulation of cannabis when the State exercised its authority in 2000 and decided that cannabis has medical use.

I would like to pursue steps that the State can take to end this unnecessary conflict, but would appreciate your opinion on the subject first so that we can assemble the appropriate stakeholders and chart a way forward.

Could you please provide me with solutions that the State can act upon to end the current application of federal regulation of the non-medical use of marijuana to the state-authorized medical use of cannabis in Hawaii. I would appreciate it if you could focus on solutions that can be initiated at the State level, rather than solutions that require waiting for federal action.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell E Ruderman".

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