

AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS

PRES. OBAMA: WE ARE SICK AND TIRED... BUT DOING OUR PART!

Dear President Obama—

We, the undersigned, are members of the sick and tired medical cannabis community. We are suffering from chronic and debilitating conditions and we are weary of false promises that do nothing to protect our rights as patients.

This community has done its part to educate legislatures and voters across the country about the therapeutic and palliative benefits cannabis provides. As a result, sixteen states and the District of Columbia have shown compassion by recognizing the legitimate need for cannabis as medicine in their respective communities. It is time for you to do the same.

We implore you to uphold the promises you made to this community with policies that legitimize and protect us from further marginalization. We need more than the false sense of security provided by the October 2009 Department of Justice memo. Instead of improving conditions, your administration has launched new tactics to create roadblocks to safe access, including attacks on patient privacy, access, banking, and tax status, plus threats of legal action against state employees implementing state law. These new tactics worsen the already hostile environment created by the division between state and federal law. We are sick and we are tired, but we are doing our part. It is time for you to do yours.

Now is the time to end federal interference in medical cannabis states and recognize the medicinal benefits of cannabis so that all citizens suffering from chronic and debilitating conditions may find relief without fear of criminal penalty and discrimination. **Thank you.**

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