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Dear Honorable Wisconsin Congressional Delegation Member,

Medical and recreational use of cannabis is becoming more prevalent throughout the country. States are breaking from the lead of the federal government and charting their own regulatory schemes. However, there are few peer-reviewed studies done within the United States on its efficacy for medicinal use or potential for harm. Unfortunately, the lack of data means there is not currently a scientific debate taking place among medical professionals. There are steps at the federal level which would significantly improve policymaking at both the federal and state levels.

We ask you reduce the regulatory red tape to expedite research into the efficacy and safety of cannabis for medicinal purposes. The steps outlined on the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) website seem rather daunting. In light of the fact that so many states have taken action to bypass the FDA and approve cannabis for medicinal use, we would suggest that the FDA or other
agencies are acting in an inefficient or intentionally slow manner. We request a more serious consideration and effort by the FDA to expedite research on this issue.

Additionally, the federal government can serve as a resource for gathering and disseminating data on the relationships between mental health and cannabis, as well as crime and cannabis. Regardless of its status as legal or not, drug use by perpetrators of violent crime, including domestic abuse and child neglect, needs to be documented and reported. We urge you to direct federal law enforcement to work with state and local officials to create a framework which achieves this goal.

Unfortunately, without methodically-collected data from across the United States and professional analysis, we are at the mercy of those who create their own facts.

Sincerely,

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