

Please support HB 2011/SB 9, The Cannabis Compassion and Care Act, which establishes a pilot program to allow for the limited use of marijuana by state-qualified patients who possess a physician's recommendation.

Passage of this act will not alter or interfere with already existing state laws discouraging the non-medical, recreational use of marijuana. It will offer qualified patients state-sanctioned access to a therapy may offer them significant benefits.

Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia already offer similar patients protections. Moreover, in December Congress and the President signed off on language barring the Justice Department from interfering in the implementation of statewide medical marijuana programs. This language protects regulated programs like the one proposed by the Compassionate Care Act.

Clinical trials acknowledge that marijuana possesses therapeutic efficacy. A recent review of several of these clinical trials assessing cannabis, published in The Open Neurology Journal concludes, "Based on evidence currently available the Schedule I classification (for cannabis) is not tenable; it is not accurate that cannabis has no medical value, or that information on safety is lacking."

Kansas patients deserve the option to legally access a botanical product that is objectively safer than the litany of pharmaceutical drugs it could replace. Vote 'yes' for HB 2011/SB 9, The Cannabis Compassion and Care Act.

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