

## MPP is Working for Compassion and Common Sense

People fighting cancer, AIDS, MS, and other illnesses shouldn't have to suffer when medical marijuana can provide relief.

### MPP's major accomplishments include:

- Drafted and gained passage of medical marijuana laws in Hawaii, Maryland, and Vermont (enacted in June 2000, May 2003, and June 2004, respectively).
- Passed MPP's medical marijuana ballot initiative in Montana in November 2004, making it the 10<sup>th</sup> state to make medical marijuana legal.
- Garnered the all-time biggest vote for the full repeal of marijuana prohibition in any state in the history of the country—44% in Alaska in November 2004.
- Funded the passage of 17 local ballot initiatives in 2004, calling for taxing and regulating marijuana similarly to alcohol, making marijuana possession the lowest priority for local law enforcement, or removing all local penalties for medical marijuana.
- Worked with members of Congress in both the House and Senate to introduce the "Truth in Trials Act," which would allow federal medical marijuana defendants to introduce evidence that they acted in compliance with state medical marijuana laws. MPP continues to lobby both chambers to build support for medical marijuana legislation.
- Spearheaded a two-year campaign to bring patient and physician perspectives to the National Academy of Sciences' hearings on medical marijuana, resulting in the release of their landmark report in March 1999, which found that marijuana has medical value.
- Lobbied the U.S. House of Representatives to support an amendment to defund the DEA's raids on medical marijuana patients and providers. In July 2004, 148 House members voted in favor of the legislation, and MPP continues to gather additional votes.

These accomplishments and other MPP projects have been featured on the cover of *Time* magazine; in articles in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, the Associated Press, and Reuters; and in appearances on NBC's *Today Show*, *The O'Reilly Factor* on the Fox News Channel, CNN's *Crossfire*, PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and *CNN Headline News*.

"Marijuana has a wide margin of safety for use under prescribed supervision, and it is effective for numerous conditions."

—from a resolution adopted by the American Nurses Association, June 2003

"A federal policy that prohibits physicians from alleviating suffering by prescribing marijuana for seriously ill patients is misguided, heavy-handed, and inhumane."

—*New England Journal of Medicine* editorial by Jerome P. Kassirer, M.D., January 1997

"Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man ... It would be unreasonable, capricious and arbitrary for DEA to continue to stand between those sufferers and the benefits of this substance."

—DEA Administrative Law Judge Francis L. Young, September 1988

**When you send us the attached information slip, we will add you to MPP's newsletter mailing list.**

**We look forward to working with you!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT:**



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# Do you know anyone who needs to use marijuana for medical purposes?



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## THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE use marijuana as part of their treatment for cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, epilepsy, and other serious illnesses.

*Perhaps you are one of them.*

Unfortunately, the federal government currently gives only seven patients legal permission to use marijuana, through a federal program that was closed to all new applicants in 1992.

Although 10 states have passed laws protecting medical marijuana patients from arrest and jail, medical marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

To truly solve this problem, our nation's federal policies must be changed. If you're a medical marijuana patient—or a friend or family member of a patient—MPP needs your help. We can't change the laws without working with patients themselves.

MPP is the largest nonprofit organization that is focused solely on reforming U.S. marijuana laws.

### MPP's projects include:

- ✓ encouraging major health and medical associations to take favorable positions on medical marijuana;
- ✓ urging federal agencies to clear the way for FDA approval of marijuana as

a prescription medicine;

- ✓ lobbying state legislatures to pass legislation to protect marijuana-using patients from arrest;
- ✓ helping activists to build support for other medical marijuana bills in their home states; and
- ✓ building support for medical marijuana legislation in the U.S. Congress.

**And we need your help...**

**MPP is looking for patients who could benefit (or are already benefiting) from medical marijuana and who would be willing to lobby health and medical associations, call or write to federal agencies, be interviewed by local reporters, testify before state legislatures, and lobby and/or write to members of Congress.**

**Please fill out the information slip at right and return it to MPP. ▶**

*Please leave any questions blank if you're uncomfortable answering them. We will keep your information confidential, sharing it only with those for whom you give us permission.*

**"I believe marijuana should be legally available for medical purposes."**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check any of the following conditions that you have:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cancer   | <input type="checkbox"/> glaucoma     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS   | <input type="checkbox"/> paralysis    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> multiple sclerosis   | <input type="checkbox"/> chronic pain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> epilepsy   | <input type="checkbox"/> arthritis    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) _____   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't use medical marijuana, but I know someone who does.                |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know anyone who uses medical marijuana, but I want to help anyway. |                                       |

If your physician is supportive of medical marijuana, may we contact him or her to sign MPP's physician statement of support? (More than 7,000 physicians have already done so.) If so, please list your physician's name and contact information here:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_