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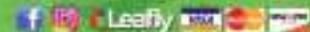
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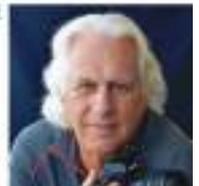


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APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS C GROWER (1,500 PLANTS)

81

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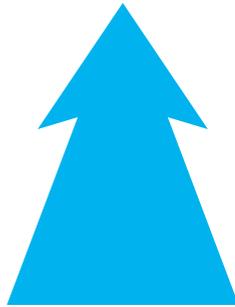
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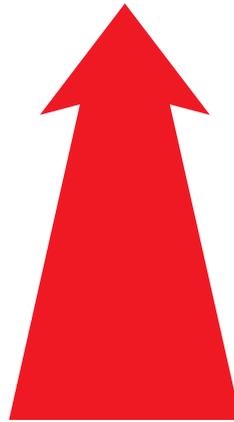
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45%

TRUMP SUPPORTERS FAVORING LEGALIZATION



72%

TRUMP SUPPORTERS FAVORING LEGALIZATION

96

Municipalities which have opted in to the MMFLA

42

Counties in which those municipalities are located

Information provided by BMMR from June 15, 2018

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ESTIMATE OF EVENTUAL ANNUAL SALES-

MMFLA PROGRAM

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LEGALIZATION

A BREAKDOWN OF WHO SUPPORTS THE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS IN MICHIGAN. RESULTS FROM EPIC/MRA AND MICHIGAN NORML POLL, FEBRUARY 2018

**ALL EDUCATIONAL GROUPS** People with a college degree support legalization at 61%, those with some post-high school education at 65% and those with a diploma or less at 60%.

**AGE IS NOT A FACTOR** 18-34 yr olds support at 87%; the 35-49 and 50-65 age groups support at 60% each.

**IT'S FOR THE KIDS** Adults with children support adult use of cannabis at 65%. Adults without kids support at 59%.

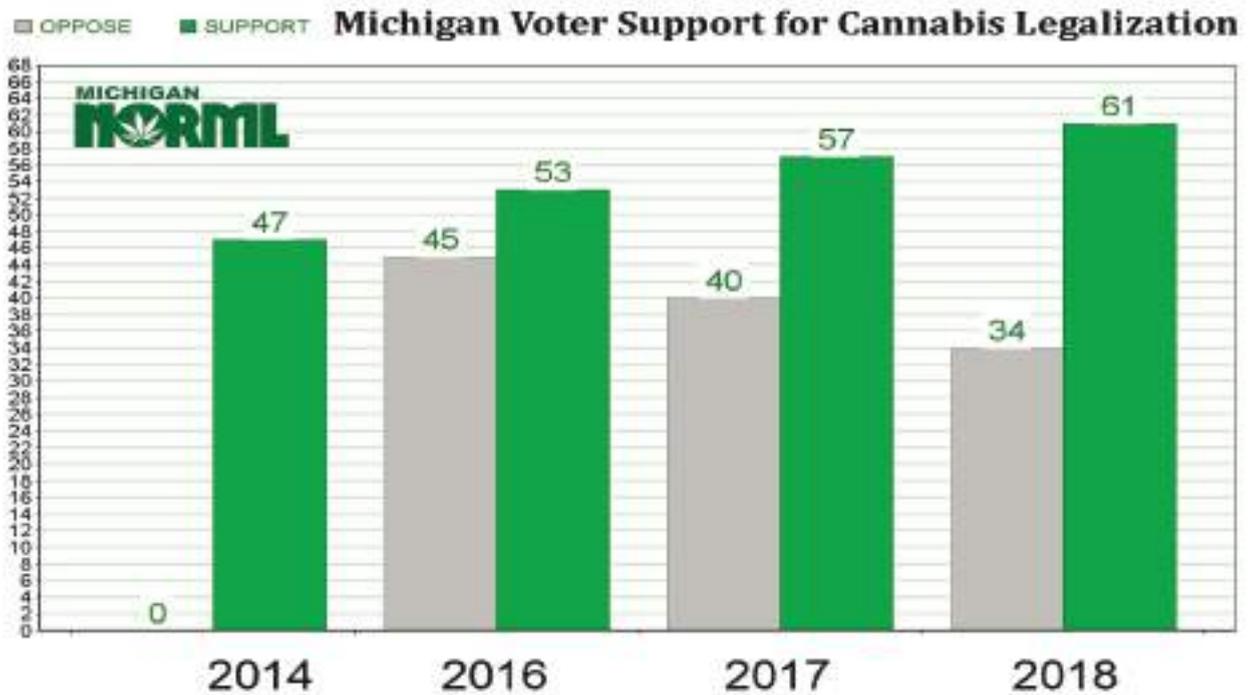
**TEA PARTY SUPPORTERS** This party-within-a-party favors legalization of cannabis by a 52% - 45% margin.

**DO YOU WORSHIP?** Protestant support is at 48%; Catholics, at 60%; all other religions, 69%; non religious persons, 85%

**HOW OLD IS OLD?** People over 65 were deadlocked at approx. 47% support; those over 50, however, support at 54%.



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## What's in a name?

Plenty, if you are naming a company which is regulated by the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act

BY RICK THOMPSON

**M**ichigan's medical marijuana business environment is filled with established players in the Great Lakes State and incoming veterans from around the country. New rules covering business names, branding and advertising will affect the way the cannabis industry markets their wares and advertises to corporate or citizen clientele.

The Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) governs five businesses which touch the cannabis plant: cultivation, transport, processing, testing and retail sale. The rules governing how those businesses communicate with the public are contained within the MMFLA but are not well understood or commonly known even by industry gurus. The rules restrict advertising to anyone under the age of consent and forbids methods of promotion which could appeal to younger Michiganders. Other rules from other laws regulate what names can be used for cannabis businesses, how things should be spelled and how companies advertise their products or special sales. Learn more about Michigan's various rules in the sections below.

## 1

## PROVISIONING CENTER, NOT DISPENSARY

Retail marijuana outlets have called themselves dispensaries for decades. Now that term is changing.

Legislators, courts and citizens all referred to the distribution centers as dispensaries since the voters approved the Medical Marihuana Act in 2008. Several legislative attempts were made to codify the role of dispensaries in law and provide protection to the owners/operators of these necessary but controversial businesses. The Marijuana Policy Project, the Michigan Association of Compassion Centers and others created a dispensary-authorizing bill (The Local Option Bill) which almost became law in 2014.

In 2015 Representative Callton reintroduced the Local Option Bill and retitled it the Provisioning Centers Act in response to complaints from the state's pharmacists. The Provisioning Centers Act became the backbone of the package of bills which were passed in 2016 and created the MMFLA program. Even after that bill became law the term 'dispensary' has persisted in literature and culture.

Pharmacies have certain words/phrases reserved for just their use in Michigan, including 'dispensary'. It's a good policy: when you see the name Apothecary used in a business title, that is a guarantee the company is registered and regulated by the state's Department of Community Health.

On June 11 of 2018 the BMMR issued an Advisory Bulletin designed to stop the use of 'dispensary' once and for all.



## 2 CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Rule #42 governs advertising for the noble five industries regulated under the MMFLA. It is in this rule that prohibitions on advertising to minors is found and other regulations are outlined.

One thing which is not prohibited by Rule #42 is the use of celebrity spokespersons to promote and advertise MMFLA businesses.

Advertising is often a game of big names and Michigan's cannabis industry has embraced this idea ever since the MMMA's passage. Arborside of Ann Arbor has brought multiple cannabis cultivation experts to Michigan over the years to promote their dispensary. Tommy Chong has been the guest of BDT's Pipe and Tobacco Shops on several Michigan visits. (continued)

"According to state law, a provisioning center licensed under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) may not refer to itself as a "dispensary" and may not use the word "dispensary" in its advertising."

The Bulletin also detailed the other terms reserved for the pharmaceutical industry which are not available for MMFLA businesses (or any others) to use in titling and licensing (see sidebar for list).

"...state law requires that Medical Marihuana facilities shall not use any of these terms in the advertisement of their medical marihuana business," per the Advisory. A further clarification established that the prohibited words cannot be used directly or in "a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases."

This isn't a problem for only MMFLA provisioning center applicants, either. Many concentrate manufacturers may have considered using the term Apothecary in their business title, as the word describes a place which performs work similar to what a concentrate company does. Other forbidden terms from the list may have been appealing to cultivation companies or testing laboratories.

In Michigan, the term dispensary will commonly be used to describe the retail distribution centers operating from 2009 - 2018, which existed outside of the MMFLA program and before the BMMR approved any MMFLA applications. The term Provisioning Center is reserved for those retail centers which are in the process of approval or which have been licensed by the BMMR for retail sale of cannabis.

It would most likely take an act of the legislature to change this naming policy, and there are no indications that Michigan's current group of lawmakers would entertain such a notion.

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## WHY THE 'H'? | BUSINESSES CAN USE THE 'J'

Michigan's cannabis grammar starts from the spelling that was chosen for the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937. Michigan adopted its statutory definition of marihuana in the Public Health Code, utilizing the then current federal spelling. As governing state laws spell marihuana with an "h," communication from BMMR in relation to the Medical Marihuana Act or facility licensing and the applicable administrative rules will use an "h".

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## CARTOONIZED LOGOS

Rule #42 prohibits selling cannabis in ways which may appeal to minors.

"Any advertising, packaging, labeling, shapes or colors that may appeal to minors is not permitted," according to Director Brisbo.

That includes cannabis-themed imitations of popular candies and foods (think of Gummy Bears and Nerd Ropes), items which offer a play on words of familiar titles (ie., the 'Twix' candy bar being imitated by the cannabis-infused 'Twax' bar) or by using signs encouraging minors to enter MMFLA businesses.

That rule also applies to logos, branding and packages of marijuana-infused products.

As part of the applications process, the BMMR has been inspecting facilities across the state which are legally operating under the MMFLA's emergency rules. This includes provisioning centers which, under certain circumstances, are allowed to conduct retail sale of medicinal cannabis to registered medical marijuana patients. Some of those centers have reported being ordered by BMMR to remove all products from their shelves which incorporate cartoons in the labels or design of the product.

This has included the removal of products featuring designs which were merely cartoonized version of human faces or non-child specific cartoons, an interpretation of Rule #42 which was not anticipated by some entrepreneurs and business groups.

## 2 CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

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International rap star Waka Flocka sported a Happy Life Provisioning Center tee shirt during his concert at the 2018 High Times Medical Cannabis Cup on June 10 (see cover photo).

"Generally speaking, celebrity endorsements would not likely be an issue assuming overall compliance with Rule 42," Director Brisbo told this publication.

Not all appearances of celebrities and cannabis companies is overt advertising. Happy Life did not have a booth or display at the High Times Cup event, nor was Waka Flocka hired to wear the shirt, according to a company spokesperson. Board members of MLegalize were pleasantly surprised recently to see Willie Nelson drinking from a coffee cup bearing the group's logo in a 2018 video for his song, "I ain't dead yet."

These accidental advertising opportunities aside, paying celebrities and spokespersons to raise awareness of MMFLA businesses is generally allowed as long as the Rule 42 guidelines are followed. Using a human wearing a giant bee costume to promote a cannabis business in public settings is out of the question for MMFLA centers. Using a bee in a company's logo may be out of the question, too, considering the BMMR's take on MMFLA advertising under Rule 42.

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## FEATURED STORY

"We have been more focused on cartoon-like images that may appeal to children, even if that is not the intent," advised Director Brisbo.

Although the intent of Rule #42 is clear the application of the policy inadvertently snags many well-intentioned businesses which have spent thousands of dollars on branding, logo creation and printing/signage featuring those logos.

The rule is written broadly, and in certain circumstances the BMMR may listen to an applicant whose design was deemed unsuitable. "There is no specific rule for cartoon images. We will apply the standards in the rules on a case-by-case basis where necessary," Director Brisbo said.

Rule #42 exists not to obstruct the lives of businesspersons in the cannabis space but to protect the non-medical patients who may find cannabis products at a patient's home. By requiring childproof packages and eliminating designs which appeal to children, the potential for accidental use or overdose of medical marijuana is minimized.

In addition to controlling branding, BMMR has approved a symbol which is mandatory to appear on packaging of all processed cannabis products. (include the symbol) The green triangle and cannabis leaf design is called the "Universal Symbol" and is intended to let any observer know that the food, liquid or concentrate in the package contains THC.

"A marihuana plant or marihuana product containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) that is being sold or transferred must be labeled according to Emergency Rules 38 and 39," per the press release issued by LARA on February 15, 2018. "If the plant or product does not meet the definition of "marihuana" as defined in the MMFLA then the universal symbol is not required."

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## OTHER BANNED PHRASES | BY PHARMACISTS

These words and phrases are also forbidden to be used when naming or describing a cannabis business in Michigan:

pharmacy • apothecary • dispensary • drugstore • druggist  
medicine store • prescriptions • pharmacist

# U.S. CANNABIS SPOT INDEX DOWN 1.0% TO \$1,146 PER POUND.

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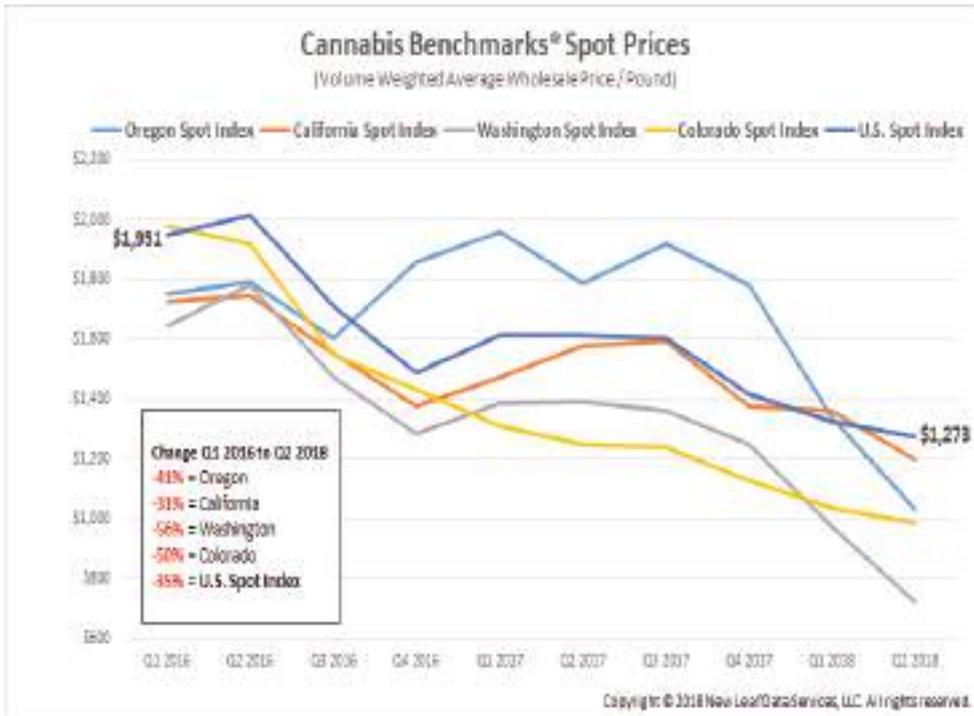
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THE RELATIVE FREQUENCY OF TRADES FOR INDOOR-GROWN FLOWER INCREASED MODESTLY THIS WEEK, BY LESS THAN 2%, WITH TRANSACTIONS FOR GREENHOUSE PRODUCT EXPERIENCING A DECLINE OF THE SAME PROPORTION. WAREHOUSE FLOWER'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL REPORTED WEIGHT MOVED EXPANDED BY 1%, WITH THE CORRESPONDING CONTRACTION DRAWN FROM THE RELATIVE VOLUME OF OUTDOOR-GROWN PRODUCT. TO THIS POINT, AN INCREASE IN THE RELATIVE VOLUMES OF GREENHOUSE AND OUTDOOR FLOWER FROM SUMMER LIGHT-DEPRIVATION HARVESTS HAS NOT BEEN EVIDENT IN NATIONAL TRANSACTION STATS.

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# Banks and the MMFLA industry

What is a closed loop system and is it in Michigan's future?

Cash has always been a problem in the MMFLA program.

Federal banking rules inhibit cooperation between the nation's marijuana businesses and financial sector corporations. During the era of the grey market business in Michigan, businesses would often set up bank accounts only to have them closed without notification weeks, months or years later. This cold shoulder approach from lending institutions has created a marijuana marketplace that is very much a cash-only industry.

But that unregulated market is disappearing as dispensaries give way to provisioning centers across the state. All the funds received at a provisioning center must be accounted for and reported to the state, and banking is the best way to ensure the money goes where business owners say it goes.

To avoid a cash-heavy distribution industry in an uncooperative banking environment, a closed loop

payment system was proposed by Director Brisbo during a Licensing Board meeting. In this system, patients would pre-pay money into a debit card-like account and make purchases at provisioning centers by flashing their plastic.



That doesn't really solve the banking problem for the other four types of businesses- cultivation, transportation, processing and testing- which do not or minimally interact with patients, take in no cash and whose sales of cannabis products exist exclusively between corporations.

Closed loop systems are viewed as inhibitors of industry. For now, the closed loop dialog is on hold. "We are going to meet with representatives from the banking industry first," Brisbo told this publication.

David Harns, spokesman for LARA, added this: "BMMR is meeting soon with DIFS, Treasury, MI Bankers Association, Community Bankers of MI, MI Credit Union League to talk about a vetting process by BMMR and the needs of the banking industry to feel comfortable in establishing business relationships." At the time of this writing, that meeting has not taken place.

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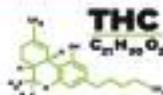
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**Dr. Sue Sisley, M.D.** (Site Principal Investigator for the only FDA-approved randomized controlled trial examining safety/efficacy of whole plant marijuana in combat veterans with treatment-resistant PTSD)

**Stephen Goldner, J.D.** (FDA/NIH advisor; co-inventor of a liquid form of methadone)

**Dr. Mark Ilgen, Ph.D.** (Director, University of Michigan Addiction Treatment Services; Professor, Department of Psychiatry)

**Dr. Daniel Clow, M.D.** (University of Michigan Professor, Anesthesiology; Professor, Medicine (Pulmonology); Professor, Psychiatry)

**Dr. Gus Rosania, Ph.D.** (University of Michigan Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences)

**Dr. Kenneth Weinberg, M.D.** (Founder and Chief Medical Officer, Cannabis Doctors of NY)

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FROM LEFT: DONALD BAILEY, VIVIAN PICKARD, RICK JOHNSON, DAVID LAMONTAINE, NICHOLE COVER

*Member with term expiring Dec. 31, 2018:*

**Nichole Cover** of Mattawan is a licensed pharmacist and healthcare supervisor for Walgreens. She currently serves as chair of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy and previously served as the Board’s representative on the Controlled Substance Advisory Commission. Cover holds a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University. She will represent Independents.

*Members with terms expiring Dec. 31, 2019:*

Serving as the nominee of the Senate Majority Leader is **Rick Johnson** of LeRoy, who also will serve as chair. He manages Common Cents Farm in LeRoy. Johnson was a state representative from 1998–2004, serving his last four years as Speaker of the House. Johnson holds an honorary doctorate of public service from Ferris State University. He will represent Republicans.

Serving as the nominee of the Speaker of the House is **David LaMontaine** of Monroe. He is a business agent and executive board member for the Police Officers’ Association of Michigan. LaMontaine previously served in the United States Marine Corps, as a police officer in Hamtramck, and as a hostage negotiator and detective for the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office. LaMontaine studied employment and labor relations at Wayne State University. He will represent Republicans.

*Members with terms expiring Dec. 31, 2020:*

**Donald Bailey** of Traverse City recently retired as a sergeant for the Michigan State Police with 36 years of law enforcement and investigative experience. Bailey holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University, attended the Drug Enforcement Agency’s Drug Unit Commanders Academy, and received a certificate from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Police Management, Staff, and Command. He will represent Republicans.

**Vivian Pickard** of Bloomfield Hills is the president and CEO of The Pickard Group consulting firm. She recently retired as director of public policy for General Motors and served six years as president of the General Motors Foundation, during which she managed all the company’s U.S. philanthropic donations. Pickard holds a bachelor’s degree in human services management from Ferris State University and a master’s degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. She will represent Independents.

After this round of initial appointments, subsequent members will serve four-year terms. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Cover and Ms. Pickard were nominated to the Board by the Governor.

# MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEMBERS

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DECIDE THE FATE OF MMFLA APPLICATIONS. READ ABOUT WHO NOMINATED THESE PEOPLE, HOW LONG THEIR TERM ON THE BOARD IS, WHO THEY REPRESENT AND THEIR PERSONAL HISTORY. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BMMR.



On August 7, 2018, Michigan and three other states will hold primary elections for candidates seeking certain offices. On this day both Republicans and Democrats hold separate elections to determine which of their candidates will represent the party on the ballot for the general election, held November 7.

Although primary elections are thought of as places to choose party representatives for big statewide offices such as Governor they also feature every office where the party's choice of candidate is contested. That includes races for Senate and House of Representatives, local offices and even millage proposals.

In Michigan, 2018's election will feature a cast of characters which are on opposite sides of the cannabis issue. The medical marijuana business program is in its infancy and many of the rules and regulations which govern those companies are still being created. State/local leadership in 2019 and beyond will determine in many ways the success and breadth of the program;

Michigan can have a robust medical marijuana supply and distribution network or it can have an over-regulated and skimpy network. Our choice of leaders will shape the future of the industry.

In addition this year's ballot will feature Proposal 1, the legalization of marijuana for adult use in Michigan. In order to ensure a smooth integration of legalization into Michigan's medical marijuana business system, the only businesses which are allowed to operate in the five regulated industries for the first two years after legalization is approved are MMFLA-approved companies. Legalization of cannabis for adult use should be very profitable for those MMFLA-approved businesses and all ancillary industries.

MMFLA businesses and the ancillary industries which support them would be wise to help elect persons for state office who want to ensure the success of the program instead of impede and neuter it. This guide will explain the major candidate's positions on marijuana use in general and legalization in specific.

# 2018 Primaries ELECTION GUIDE

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# Bill Schuette

REPUBLICAN

AGE: 64 MIDLAND

Current Attorney General, former Appellate Judge and legislator

"We should not go down this road of legalizing drugs. It exposes young kids, children, to ever more potent drug use and I think that's not good for them in the future."

*Ballotpedia/Bill Schuette*

Bill Schuette fought hard against the medical marijuana law in 2008 while still a sitting member of the Appellate Court. Once elected to the position of Attorney General in 2010 he distinguished himself as a staunch obstructionist and tinkerer with the state's medical marijuana program. In May Calley said Schuette "led the charge" against the law approved by voters in 2008 and fought the legal drug as attorney general, "keeping patients from the medicine they need." Although he has stepped back from the ferocity of his anti-cannabis policies in the last few years, the prohibitionist legacy Schuette created for himself remains intact.

"NORML executive director Allen St. Pierre told MT Schuette "may be the single most anti-marijuana attorney general in the country.""

*Metro Times, May 2018*

Should Schuette win the Republican nomination for governor, it is almost guaranteed that he will use his candidacy to actively campaign to defeat the cannabis legalization proposal.

It is very difficult to imagine that a man who has made so much of his career about cannabis prohibition would embrace the MMFLA program without trying to skew the financial benefits toward his deep-pocketed and influential friends. Equally unlikely is that the man whom the cannabis community refers to as "Darth Schuette" would administer the new adult use program as written by the authors of the ballot proposal and as expected by the voters who approve it.

## An Overview

The Governor sets the tone for the state, appoints persons to key positions in government and has veto power over the legislature. The contrast between the two party's major candidates on cannabis issues is stark and definitive.

"All the Democratic gubernatorial candidates — former Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer, former Detroit Health Department Director Abdul El-Sayed and retired businessman Shri Thanedar, as well as attorney general candidate Dana Nessel — favor the pot legalization proposal..."

All of the Republican candidates for governor — Attorney General Bill Schuette, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Saginaw Township doctor Jim Hines, as well as Speaker of the House Tom Leonard, R-Dewitt, and Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, who are running for attorney general, oppose legalizing marijuana, but they have said they would respect the will of the voters if the measure passes."

*Detroit Free Press, June 18, 2018*

## Brian Calley

REPUBLICAN

AGE: 41 PORTLAND

Current Lieutenant Governor under Rick Snyder

"When it comes to legalization overall of marijuana, while I do support medical marijuana, I don't support overall recreational legalization." - Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley  
*MLive, February 2018*

This mantra has been repeated by Lt. Governor Calley repeatedly during this campaign: I support medical marijuana

# candidates for Governor

Most of the current candidates for their party's gubernatorial nominations spoke out against US Attorney General Jeff Sessions' nullification of the Cole Memo earlier in 2018. Far less uniform has been their response to issues like expungement of criminal records for cannabis users in a post-legalization Michigan and the legislature's effort to adopt and radically alter the marijuana legalization proposal prior to the November election. Generally the Democrats favor expungement and opposed legislative tinkering; their Republican counterparts, the opposite.

but not legalization. In a recent debate, Calley addresses the legalization issue with a single sentence declaring opposition to the proposal before immediately transitioning into discussing the opioid crisis. He seems to be portraying himself as the sole Republican candidate who has respected the medical marijuana program and will be trustworthy to implement the will of the people should legalization be approved.

That is a convenient position to take, considering Calley has no voting record to evaluate. Calley is on record from 2015 as being opposed to adding autism to the list of conditions which qualify a person to use medicinal cannabis- even though his own daughter has autism.

# Gretchen Whitmer

DEMOCRAT

AGE: 46 EAST LANSING

Former Prosecutor for Ingham County, former Representative and Senate Minority Leader

"We've seen other states do it wrong. In Michigan, we've got a chance to do it right," said former state Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer on Tuesday night in a candidate forum hosted by MI Legalize...

"This is an opportunity to go a step further and say, here in Michigan, we're going to embrace the legalization, but we're also going to grow our economy," Whitmer said. "We're going to create real clear rules so that we can do this so that we don't leave patients, we don't leave small business owners to fend for themselves."

*Detroit News, February 14, 2017*

Whitmer, a former House Representative for six years and a Michigan Senator for eight more, has an ample record to draw from when determining her commitment to cannabis law reform issues and related topics. Her statements regarding asset forfeiture and influence peddling by big corporate donors during the debate over the Pharmaceutical Grade Medical Cannabis Act legislation indicate a willingness to fight against the powerful to create proper laws and bright-line regulations for overreaching governmental agencies, including the law enforcement lobby.

The presumptive Democratic nominee is openly supportive of legal and medical cannabis programs in Michigan. She often relates her personal story of watching her mother pass away from illness, only to wonder if cannabis medicines could have extended her parent's life or eased some suffering. She told that story to the crowd at Hash Bash this year, and the response from the attendees indicated the people connected with her on this issue. As the Democrat with the biggest name recognition in the race for the nomination, Whitmer leads the pack in polling as August 7 approaches.

# Sri Thanendar

DEMOCRAT

AGE: 63 ANN ARBOR

Millionaire businessman

"Thanendar, a businessman who is largely self-funding his campaign, argued that Michigan's next governor needs to make sure "big business doesn't hijack" the prospective legal marijuana industry.

"We've got to make sure we support the small businesses, we support the entrepreneurs and we fight any kind of attempt by the federal government to take away people's rights," he said.

*Detroit News, November 14, 2017*

Sri Thanendar is a first-time candidate and has no record of public service to draw from. The self-made millionaire has spent several of those millions on television ads in an attempt to lift his name recognition. In the ads he pokes fun at his own name and avoids mentioning his adversaries by theirs. His humor makes the commercials memorable and his image ads don't let the politics interfere with self-promotion.

Recent polls indicate that strategy seems to be working, as Thanendar has overtaken El-Sayed for the second place spot in the Democratic primary.

Since all the Democratic candidates for governor seem to be on the same page when it comes to cannabis law reform, voters have to decide if this candidate's business-heavy, political experience-light background benefits them. Controversy has sprung up regarding Thanendar's past business dealings, including using animals as test subjects and his sometimes fuzzy status as a supporter of both Democratic and Republican candidates, including Marco Rubio.

Also very well-known is Thanendar's \$1.5 million gift to his employees when he sold his company. That's the problem with political unknowns- everyone searches for past events to help predict future performance, and that is far from an exact science. Thanendar will most likely not be competing for the job of governor in the November general elections, but a few years of seasoning in a lesser political position will make him a viable candidate in the future.

# Abdul El-Sayed

DEMOCRAT

AGE: 33 DETROIT

Physician and former Detroit Health Department Director

"This has become a civil rights issue," El-Sayed said, pointing to statistics showing criminal enforcement has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and African-Americans. "We have an opportunity here in Michigan to rethink marijuana." Abdul El-Sayed, a medical doctor and former Detroit Health Department director, said he has seen first-hand the

efficacy of medical marijuana to treat seizures and believes full legalization would open the door to more rigorous research on its effects."

*Detroit News, November 14, 2017*

Abdul El-Sayed is an experienced physician and administrator, having run the Detroit Health Department. He is a savvy candidate whose future in politics seems ensured by his strong campaign performance this year. As an advocate for marijuana law reform his zeal for the subject is counterbalanced by his focus on phrases like, "more research needed," and expressions of concern about a lack in proper dosing guidance. His message is popular and will endure long after November 6.

# Dana Nessel

DEMOCRAT

AGE: 48 PLYMOUTH

Attorney and former Prosecutor

"Nessel, a vocal advocate for recreational legalization, called Sessions' reversal "horrifying" and said Michigan needs an attorney general who will stand up to "the Trump agenda."

"It is absolutely a gross display of federal overreach for Sessions to subvert states' rights and return to failed policies that harm families, fill prisons with non-violent people, cost states billions of dollars they don't have to spare and do nothing to combat the real drug epidemic facing this nation," Nessel said in a statement.

*Detroit News, January 9, 2018*

Few people in recent memory have sparked interest like candidate Dana Nessel. An attorney with both prosecutor and defender experience, she took a case of LGBT marriage equality to the United States Supreme Court and won- defeating the team representing Bill Schuette and the Michigan A.G.'s office. Her candidacy has been supported by the LGBT community, the cannabis community and other traditionally Democratic communities. Although Democratic leadership backed her opponent for the party nomination, she easily defeated him during an election held at the Michigan Democratic Convention.

The next Michigan Attorney General will certainly oversee the MMFLA rollout and most likely will be overseeing the first eight years of Michigan's legalized adult use of cannabis program. Nessel seems to be the only candidate who sincerely looks forward to it.

"Nessel acknowledged people aren't going to have an AG that does everything they want. But she said that, "the more that I let people know the kinds of lawsuits I will likely be bringing, I think everybody will agree . . . that's just the decent human thing to do."

*MIRS News, June 2*

# Tom Leonard

REPUBLICAN

AGE: 37 DEWITT TOWNSHIP

Current House Majority Leader

"Do I personally support the legalization of recreational use marijuana? Absolutely not," Leonard said. "But if the citizens of this state, if they choose to pass that during the next election cycle, then certainly as the next attorney general I would do everything I can to ensure the will of the people is upheld."

*Detroit News, January 9, 2018*

As Speaker of the House, Tom Leonard has championed Republican ideals- and fought his own party over cannabis matters. After the legalization of cannabis proposal was approved for the 2018 ballot, the legislature considered adopting the language in order to amend the program to their liking. There was significant friction between the House and Senate Republican leadership over this issue, and that friction became a heavy conflict between Leonard and the old guard party leadership.

# Tonya Schuitmaker

REPUBLICAN

AGE: 50 LAWTON

Current Senator

"Schuitmaker, in a statement provided to The News, said she also would enforce state law and hopes that medical marijuana use will not be a top priority for federal prosecutors that oversee terrorism, immigration, corruption and civil rights cases. "The federal government has been inconsistent about enforcement for many years and should decide on a clear and consistent standard," Schuitmaker said...

# candidates for Attorney General

Outgoing Senate Majority Leader Meekhof called Leonard's inability to get the House to match the Senate's support to approve the legalization language a "failure of leadership", and Meekhof's spokesperson said the two men "agree to disagree" on issues.

Leonard's opponent in the primary is a longterm member of the Republican state machine and Schuitmaker should receive the majority of party support leading up to the primary election, but the party will certainly come strong against Dana Nessel regardless of who their nominee is.

"The people of Michigan should decide what is best for Michigan."

*Detroit News, January 9, 2018*

That statement from candidate Schuitmaker came after Jeff Sessions rescinded the Cole Memorandum in early 2018. The federal government is not likely to deliver a "clear and consistent standard" on cannabis law any time soon, and should Schuitmaker become the Attorney General she will have to act independent from and in the absence of universal federal policy. This western Michigan lawmaker has a terrible voting record on cannabis issues. Concerns exist about her ties to entrenched anti-cannabis financial supporters and her past statements.

# Michigan House

110 SEATS AVAILABLE

Every seat is up for reelection this year, and it's time to look at who has advocated for cannabis law reform

Who will have control of the House of Representatives in 2019? That is the big question going in November's General Election. The Republicans have controlled the House and Senate for eight years, but the two chambers often sparred and were dysfunctional as a team (see Tom Leonard). Still, Republicans were able to push many cannabis-related bills through, including legislation creating the MMFLA program, adjustments to asset forfeiture, amendments to the MMMA and bills aimed at clarifying driving rules and landlord/caregiver relations.

2019 will be a busy year for Representatives new and old. They will be tasked with ensuring the cannabis legalization proposal is enacted with the intent of the people in mind, clear away the cobwebs of administrative overregulation in the MMFLA and counteract any effort to restrict Michigan's cannabis programs by the federal government.

In an age where nearly everyone claims to support medical or legalized adult use of cannabis, it's hard to sort out which person is saying the politically correct thing and which person is truly a cannabis law reformer. Candidate ERIC GUNNELS is running for the House amid a trio of Democrats in the 48th District; he has a years-long record of support for cannabis law reform and was recently featured on the international cable news program *The Young Turks*.

Be wary of some current and former legislators who have sponsored bills which sought to add additional restrictions on medical marijuana patients, tried to impose unscientific driving standards, added additional steps in the approval process or used the MMFLA program to create business opportunities for their colleagues.

## Congressional offices

1 SENATE, 14 HOUSE SEATS AVAILABLE

Federal policy is at stake

Being pro-business is not the same as being pro-cannabis business. A number of candidates who claim to be pro-business also declare they do not support states' rights to regulate cannabis businesses. Be wary when selecting candidates to support, especially in the federal races where individual accomplishments are not scrutinized as closely as actions made by in-state legislators are.

Debbie Stabenow, the reigning Democratic queen of Michigan's congressional contingent, has not been outstanding on the subject of cannabis law reform but should retain her seat. Her Green Party challenger, Marcia Squier, has a pro-cannabis platform. The two Republican challengers for the seat lack the name recognition needed to defeat Stabenow, who has been in the Senate for 18 years already. In the U.S. House, 3rd District candidate Justin Amash has proven himself to be a supporter of

## candidates in Other Races

federal cannabis law reform and the Republican should win re-election in a district his party dominates. Same thing goes for the 5th District and the candidacy of Dan Kildee, a Democrat.

Other races which feature interesting matchups: Tim Wahlberg, who is unabashedly anti-cannabis, faces off against Democrat Gretchen Driskell in a 7th District which has seen pro-cannabis local laws passed; the 9th District, where an open seat is sure to be filled by either Andy Levin or Ellen Lipton; and the 11th District, where 4 big-name Republicans and 4 tough Democrats are fighting for party nominations for a vacant office.

## Michigan Senate

38 SEATS AVAILABLE

The upper chamber is where manipulation of the cannabis industry has been most successful

Much like the report on the House of Representatives, the Michigan Senate is a check valve on the workings of both the current gubernatorial administration and the sometimes-excitable House. As such the Senate occupies a unique position in the triumvirate of power in Michigan's political system.

Due to term limits, long-term conservative stalwarts Rick Jones, Arlan Meekhof and Tonya Schuitmaker will be gone from the Senate. There are hopes that a less law enforcement-friendly composition to the chamber will result in cannabis lawmaking which is more grounded in science and less focused on fear.

Current Senate Minority Leader JIM ANANICH from Flint should be returned to the chamber in a district which votes Democratic every time. Former House Representative JEFF IRWIN should advance to the general election as the Senate nominee for the Democrats from the Ann Arbor area.

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# Hepatitis A and cannabis

A letter from BMMR Director Andrew Brisbo/June 19, 2018

**G**ood morning.

In recent months, there has been a notable increase in Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) infections among Michigan residents. Hepatitis A virus spreads from hand to mouth, when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food and drinks contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an infected person. There have been cases of acute HAV infection linked to handling and using marijuana and other drugs. HAV is exceptionally sturdy and can survive for a prolonged period of time (greater than 60 days) on marijuana when dried and kept at room temperature and low humidity.

There are steps that marijuana facilities and patients can take to protect against the threat of Hepatitis A outbreaks. Please review the links provided below to become more familiar with symptoms and to ensure that employees are following appropriate safety practices, such as washing hands after handling marijuana and marijuana infused-products.



BMMR DIRECTOR  
ANDREW BRISBO

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## SHORT STORY:

HAV is exceptionally sturdy and can survive for a prolonged period of time (greater than 60 days) on marijuana when dried and kept at room temperature and low humidity.

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State and local health officials are recommending that individuals – who use marijuana or marijuana-infused products within the current outbreak area – get vaccinated against Hepatitis A. The vaccine is available through most healthcare providers and pharmacies and those without health insurance coverage should contact the local health department to check on availability of free or low-cost vaccination.

Contact information for your local health department – as well as up-to-date information on the Hepatitis A outbreak, including the current outbreak area – is available by clicking [here](#). Also, please be sure to take a look and share the information provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS): [Disinfection Guidelines](#) and the [Handwashing Flyer](#). MDHHS has many more Hepatitis A Outbreak Resources available on its website.

Thank you,

Andrew Brisbo  
Director, Bureau of Medical  
Marijuana Regulation



The product shown above is an oral syringe of CBD oil. The packaging is in violation of Rule 33(6)(c). "an edible marijuana product must be in child resistant packaging or containers".

View all the images of improper packaging on the BMMR's website at:

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## FORBIDDEN PACKAGING

A pair of Updates from the BMMR dated June 18 and July 6 provided some graphic illustrations of what not to do when packaging cannabis products for sale in the MMFLA marketplace. These manufacturers and dozens more just like them are in transition from the old way of marketing cannabis products to the new rules for retail sale.

Prohibitions include any packaging where the product itself is visible. Shapes, colors and designs which appeal to kids are forbidden.

Packaging must-haves:

- The name of the licensee and license number of the producer and/or the packager.
- The tag or source number as assigned by the statewide monitoring system.
- The unique identification number for the package or the harvest, if applicable.
- Date of harvest, name of strain, net weight, and concentration of THC or CBD.
- Activation time expressed in words or through a pictogram.
- Name of the safety compliance facility that performed any test, any associated test batch number, and any test analysis date.
- A warning that states the following: "For use by registered qualifying patients only. Keep out of reach of children. It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana."
- The universal symbol published by the department.

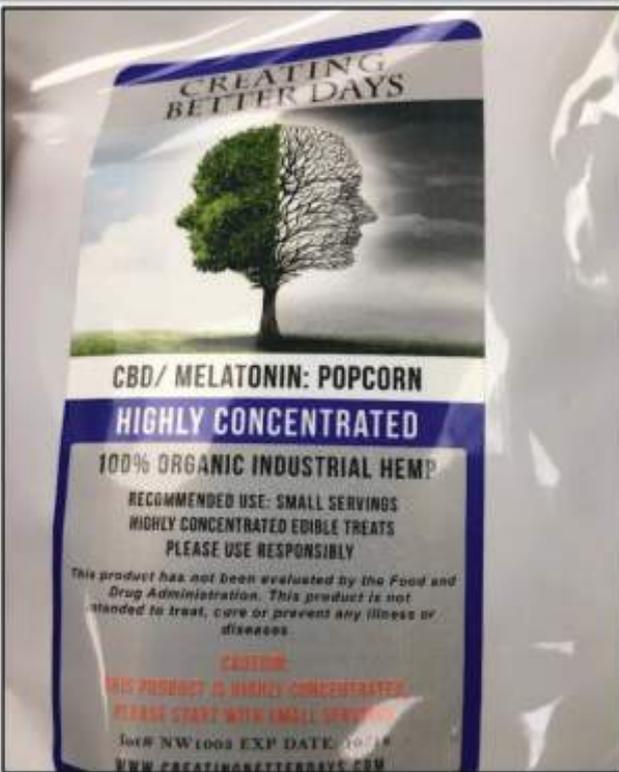


The four photos on this page display products and product packaging that appeals to minors aged 17 years or younger. All of these products and their package appearances are in violation of Rule 33(6)(a). The products should be in opaque packaging so that the contents are not visible. The word or labeling of "gummie" is acceptable under Rule 33(6)(a), but the products cannot be associated with or have cartoons, caricatures, toys, colors, designs, shapes, labels or package that would appeal to minors.





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■ For safety and security, the bridge will again be closed from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Labor Day 2018 to all public vehicle traffic except emergency vehicles. If you are traveling between the Upper and Lower peninsulas Labor Day morning, plan accordingly and anticipate delays.

■ The Annual Bridge Walk will begin at 7 a.m. in both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, but no busing will be available to transport walkers across the bridge. Participants have three options:

- Walk to the center of the bridge and turn around at the midpoint, returning to the city they started from.
- Walk the entire length of the bridge, starting from either end, crossing the midpoint by 10 a.m. Walkers must arrange for their own transportation across the bridge.
- Walk the entire bridge, starting from either end, and walk back. Walkers choosing this option must cross the midpoint on their return trip by 10 a.m. or they will be turned back.

St Ignace Visitors Bureau

By walking, you are permitted to cross in a vehicle from 6:30 a.m. to noon. For more information and a video on the walk, visit the Mackinac Bridge Authority website.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY

- 12 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- WILLIAMS BUILDING, LANSING
- 22-24 NORML CONFERENCE- WASHINGTON DC WITH LOBBY DAY 24TH
- 25-27 NCIA EXPO AND SUMMIT- SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA
- 27 CANNACON- BOSTON

## AUGUST

- 7 MICHIGAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS
- 9 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- MICHIGAN LIBRARY, LANSING
- 14-16 MJ BIZ CON INTERNATIONAL- TORONTO
- 18 CANNAPALOOZA- LINCOLN MICHIGAN
- 24-26 US CANNABIS CONFERENCE AND EXPO- MIAMI FLORIDA
- 27 CANNABIS SCIENCE CONFERENCE- PORTLAND OREGON

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK WITH NORML OF MICHIGAN
- 13 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- MICHIGAN LIBRARY, LANSING
- 15 MMFLA EMERGENCY RULES PROTECTIONS FOR APPLICANTS EXPIRE
- 26-29 CANNABIS WORLD CONGRESS- LOS ANGELES
- 29 CANNABIS SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM- ANN ARBOR

## OCTOBER

- 4-6 US CANNABIS CONFERENCE AND EXPO- PHOENIX
- 10-11 RAD CONFERENCE (RETAIL AND DISPENSARY)- PORTLAND OREGON
- 11-13 NEW WEST SUMMIT- OAKLAND CALIFORNIA
- 17-20 CANNABIS WORLD CONGRESS- BOSTON
- 18 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- WILLIAMS BUILDING, LANSING
- 22-24 CANNMED 2018- LOS ANGELES
- 29-30 CANNATECH- SYDNEY AUSTRALIA
- 30-31 IST COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CONFERENCE AND EXPO- COBO HALL, DETROIT

## NOVEMBER

- 6 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
- 8 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- MICHIGAN LIBRARY, LANSING
- 14-16 MJ BIZ CON- LAS VEGAS

## DECEMBER

- 6 MMFLA LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM- MICHIGAN LIBRARY, LANSING

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# Recognition is free- and priceless

Who are the people making progress in Michigan?

**N**ominate someone in the cannabis industry for special recognition by submitting a request for mention in our NOTIFICATIONS section every month.

The Michigan Cannabis Industry Report will use this space to:

- acknowledge legal victories
- recognize promotions within a company
- announce new office locations
- draw attention to milestone moments
- show appreciation to municipal leaders and cohorts

Anyone who represents a business in the cannabis space is welcome to submit names to be included on this page.

Although not intended to serve as a bulletin board for congratulations or for event announcements, the Notifications page will be as liberal with our accolades as page space and readership allows.

You can submit your announcements to our staff by sending a note to:

[info@hot420stuff.com](mailto:info@hot420stuff.com)

In the SUBJECT field, write NOTIFICATIONS. Please include the nominator's name and contact information, the nominee's information, the reason for the notification and the date upon which the event will/did take place. Include a telephone number for use by staff in verifying the information given.

We are unable to respond personally to these notes.

We hope you find this free service to be a valuable tool with which to track notable persons in the cannabis field and to incentivize employees to achieve better results.




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## CONGRATULATIONS!

On July 9th, 2018 the director of the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs department approved 11 new qualifying conditions for the medical use of marijuana. Including Arthritis,

Autism, Chronic pain, Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Parkinson's Disease, Rheumatoid arthritis, Spinal cord injury, Tourette's syndrome and Ulcerative colitis.

As the president of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Association (an educational community resource and non-profit organization with over 40,000 members) I feel honored to have helped the brave parents and physicians who fought for their children to be able to access medical marijuana.

We wish to thank the parents who petitioned and testified year after year selflessly in order to help others access the non-toxic medical marijuana, as their children qualified by other medical conditions.

Ida Chinonis

Lisa Smith

Dwight and Ixchel Zahringer

<http://autismdad.com>

Dr. Christian Bogner of Oxford Recovery Center

<https://oxfordrecoverycenter.com/>

Amie Carter

As well as the countless others who helped immensely, some of whom moved states to access medical marijuana instead of waiting for LARA.

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