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Subject: Senate Bill 974 (Opposed) and 977 (Amend)

I am opposed to Senate Bill 977 because it removes the 120-day requirement for the Department of LARA to make a decision and, it removes Glaucoma from the list of qualifying medical conditions. If this bill leaves this committee it will be an embarrassment to the citizens of the State of Michigan and the medical community. There was NO input from existing medical professionals, glaucoma patients and worst of all, the lack of action by the pain management board at LARA by not having a single meeting since the MMMA was enacted is disgusting.

I would propose that the Senators add friendly amendments to Senate Bill 977 forcing the MMMA board to meet to add the following conditions, PTSD, Stress, and depression. Additional friendly amendments would force the Department of LARA to move printing and processing of cards for participants in the Medical Marijuana program to the Secretary of State because they already have the process and the equipment to do the job.

If the following changes are not made, this bill should never ever leave this committee and should be voted down.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 974 because of the opportunity by rouge law enforcement officials to abuse, harass, intimidate, and arrest users of cannabis in the State of Michigan. Private property means what it says, PRIVATE. By amending this bill with the following language "With the permission of the owner users of Cannabis shall not be subject to civil penalty, forfeiture, and arrest by law enforcement", this would be an improvement. I would like to see SB974 amended to allow using cannabis in public places in case of a medical emergency just like any other medical emergency. If the following changes are not made, this bill should never leave this committee and voted down by this body.

These two Senate bills are an overall example of the bullying nature of this legislative body in Lansing. How can you all go against the wishes of your constituents and introduce legislation to attack a voter-initiated law? This body is using our citizens as shares of stock for the projected increased use of incarceration facilities in Michigan. The conduct of our current Attorney General is deplorable and has forced the citizens to enact recall legislation to remove Bill Schuette from office for insubordination to the citizens of the State. We deserve better treatment and, I recommend that if you all don't change your ways and respect the vote of the citizens regarding Marijuana; some of you will be out of a job in the next election cycle. I hope the people are not forced to take this drastic action to right the wrong.

Please add these comments to the record for SB 974 & SB 977 and I would like to address the committee at the next scheduled hearing.

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