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### **RESOLVING THE FEDERAL CONFLICT**

Dear Director Colón,

I am writing to you about the conflict between the federal regulation of marijuana and the state-authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii that is causing disastrous consequences for our medical cannabis patients and dispensaries.

I see from DCCA's previous [news release](#), that this is an issue your department is also trying to resolve.

I would like to propose a solution for this conflict, which involves obtaining a federal [exemption](#) from the DEA for the state-authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii. I believe this is a viable solution that the State can act upon to resolve a conflict that it created in the first place when it authorized the use of cannabis for specific purposes under [part IX](#) of Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Iowa Department of Public Health is currently preparing a federal exemption [application](#) for their program to prevent the loss of federal funding at schools and long-term care facilities where the state-authorized use of cannabis is occurring.

I am proposing an amendment to Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act that would support similar action here. Attached for your consideration.

Could we please schedule a time to discuss this matter briefly by phone at your earliest convenience.

Aloha,

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