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In reply, please refer to
File:

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September 14, 2011

Jack Schweigert, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Schweigert:

The request received on August 16, 2011 by the Department of Health (DOH) on behalf of your client, Robert Marvit, M.D., to add Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a debilitating medical condition under the Medical Use of Marijuana program, cites Section 329-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), that authorizes the DOH to approve other conditions for which physicians can recommend the medical use of marijuana.

The DOH is treating your request as a petition for rulemaking under Section 11-1-51, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) and Section 91-6, HRS. Pursuant to Sections 11-1-51, HAR and 91-6, HRS, your petition is denied because there is inadequate evidence to support adding PTSD as a debilitating medical condition for which physicians may recommend the use of marijuana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta J. Fuddy".

Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

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