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The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono  
U.S. Senator, Hawaii  
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**PLEASE TALK WITH GOVERNOR IGE**

Dear Senator Hirono,

Thank you for your recent reply to my inquiry about talking with Governor Ige about steps that the state can take to end the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

I appreciate the information on bills you have cosponsored on this issue in the past.

However, I would prefer that Congress not take any action aside from letting states decide how to regulate cannabis on their own. The last thing we need is a national cannabis tax and more government bureaucracy.

Instead, our state needs to take action that can protect the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii, which could be accomplished by means of a federal exemption.

I would appreciate your assistance discussing this matter with Governor Ige, who seems reluctant to support an authority reserved to the State that, if properly recognized, could end the unnecessary discrimination against our patients and dispensaries and stop the spread of criminal activity across the state.

May I please schedule a time to discuss this matter further with a member of your staff.

Thank you for considering this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you.

Aloha,

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