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The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele  
U.S. Representative, Hawaii District 2  
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**ENDING THE FEDERAL CONFLICT WITH CANNABIS**

Dear Representative Kahele,

Could you please talk with Governor Ige about ending the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana. There is a solution that the State can act upon that involves filing a federal exemption with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

We do not want to wait for Congress to fix a problem that the State created when it exercised its Constitutional authority to decide how cannabis is used within the state. A federal solution will simply mean a national cannabis tax that will push people towards the black market and create more government bureaucracy.

I believe that we need to protect the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii so that we can realize the vision of the original authors of Hawaii's Medical Cannabis Bill in 1999, which was to promote Hawaii as an international center for cannabis treatment and research.

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

Aloha,

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