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The Honorable Sean Quinlan
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415 S. Beretania Street
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RESOLVING THE FEDERAL CONFLICT

Dear Representative Quinlan,

I was told that you are currently working on a bill that would authorize the use of cannabis for adult use in Hawaii.

I am not an advocate for recreational legalization, but if this is the direction that the State is heading, then I believe that we first need to do something about the ongoing conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana before such broader use is authorized.

I also believe that this is an issue that the State needs to address because it created this conflict in the first place when it authorized the use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii twenty years ago.

I am proposing the federal exemption option as a solution, which provides a way for the State to apply for immediate and permanent relief from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) so that the federal regulation of marijuana is no longer applied to the purely intra-state use of cannabis in Hawaii. The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) has already decided to proceed with filing such an application (see page 7).

Waiting for Congress to fix this situation is only going to expose our state to additional federal taxation and could jeopardize the opportunity to develop the medical and adult use of cannabis in Hawaii before pharmaceutical companies dominate this space.

Attaching federal exemption legislative proposals in [bill](#) and [resolution](#) format for your consideration. May I please schedule a time to discuss this matter with a member of your staff while there is still time for drafting and introduction of such measures.

Aloha,

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