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**PLEASE TALK WITH GOVERNOR IGE**

Dear Senator Schatz,

Thank you for your recent reply to my letter of March 8, 2021, regarding a request for assistance with talking to Governor Ige about resolving the current conflict with the federal regulation of marijuana.

I appreciate the follow up, but your team seems to have missed the point of my initial inquiry, which has to do with recognizing and protecting the state authorized use of cannabis in Hawaii, rather than legalizing marijuana. This is an important distinction, because our state created this conflict nearly twenty-one years ago when it authorized the medical use of cannabis in Hawaii. We do not want to wait for a federal solution, which could mean more confusing workarounds and a national cannabis tax.

Unfortunately, the Hawaii Department of Health has been resisting any action that could help end this unnecessary conflict. However, I have been communicating with many of our state lawmakers this Session, resulting in [HCR132 HD1 SD1](#), which underwent [decision making](#) by the Senate Committee on Judiciary this morning and passed out of this final committee unamended.

We could really use your help discussing this matter with Governor Ige, especially since I am not having any success engaging the Governor's office on this issue myself.

May I please discuss this matter with a member of your staff.

Aloha,

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