

The Honorable Gov. Greg Abbott,

The purpose of this letter is to request that you meet with a group of six Texas veterans representing Texas Veterans for Medical Marijuana. We are advocating for a medical marijuana program in Texas. We use marijuana as medicine for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), chronic pain from injuries we received on duty and other service connected disabilities. We represent Texas veterans from every United States conflict back to the Vietnam War. We have found that marijuana is an effective medication to use instead of opioid pain medications and psychotropic medications. We are asking that you support a state regulated medical marijuana program that will benefit Texas veterans who have served our nation proudly.

Texas veterans delivered a letter to your office at the Capitol during the 2017 legislative session. Our letter was signed by 1,400 Texas veterans. Our letter requested to meet with you last year. We were disappointed that you chose not to meet with us. We are making our request again. We want you to hear how medical marijuana helps us. We will be at our Capitol in 2019 advocating for a medical marijuana program. We need your support. Veterans tend to be conservative. Many of our veterans voted for you to be our governor. They need your support in return. All of our Texas veterans need your support.

We know that the majority of Texans support a medical marijuana program for veterans and patients with serious injuries and illnesses. Please schedule a time to meet with Texas veterans to discuss our need for a medical marijuana program.

Respectfully,

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