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Thank you for contacting my office to express your support for Assembly Bill 475, legalizing marijuana as a treatment option for seriously ill patients. I appreciate you taking the time to email me and share your views. Assembly Bill 475 is currently in the Assembly Committee on Health.

Last session, Representative Mark Pocan (D – Madison) introduced legislation called the Jacki Rickert Medical Marijuana Act. I pledged my support for Representative Pocan's bill, which would have allowed patients with debilitating medical conditions access to marijuana if authorized by their doctor or with a valid registry card from the state's Department of Health Services. Unfortunately, the bill was not passed.

However, just this month, Representative Pocan and Senator Erpenbach have reintroduced the Jacki Rickert Medical Marijuana Act, and I am prepared to vote in favor of it. According to a recent CBS News poll, 77% of Americans support medical marijuana, and I agree that those with a necessary need for marijuana to mitigate a medical condition should have access if they desire.

I invite you to contact my office with any future questions, comments or concerns regarding this or any other state issues.

Sincerely,

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