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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ♦ 42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Dear

Thank you for contacting me recently to express your support for a proposal to legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I have heard from a number of constituents who support medical marijuana and I appreciate you taking the time to express your thoughts on this important issue.

As you point out, it has been shown that medical marijuana can relieve pain, nausea, and vomiting caused by serious illness or the medications used to treat these illnesses. Medical marijuana is a relatively safe treatment, and may even be safer than some of the medications currently prescribed by doctors.

This issue has received a great deal of media coverage and public support with a number of individuals testifying at the hearing last Session. It also has its detractors and I anticipate continued debate by my colleagues in the remaining months of our floorperiod. I believe this bill is needed, however, and I am hopeful that the bill will again be given a hearing and eventually reach the Assembly for a vote.

Again, thank you for contacting my office and sharing your opinions. If I can be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter of importance to you, please contact me again.

Sincerely,

FRED CLARK  
State Representative  
42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District