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# REGULATOR OF MEDICINAL CANNABIS BILL 2014

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**Subject: The Legalisation of Medical Cannabis**

**Date: Friday the 13th of March 2015**

## **Submission:**

**Dear Committee Delegates,**

I support the use of Medicinal Cannabis, based on the many cases / reports that I have read over. I am of the belief that it has the *potential* to help many people, and possibly save lives. It is my opinion that the Bill for 2014 on the Regulator of Medicinal Cannabis should be passed, because I think that Cannabis (Marijuana) in medicine form, being taken for medical reasons under strict guide lines could help a lot of people and has the potential to save lives or at the very least minimise suffering.

Cannabis has been known to be a safe and effective treatment for: cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, pain, glaucoma, epilepsy, and other conditions. And if Cannabis was to be legalised so that it could be used for MEDICINAL purposes only, it would not only treat the conditions listed previously but help many people that suffer from seizures. Cannabis could not only help the people that suffer from these seizures but may potentially decimate their seizures (depending on the dose taken) completely and help them to live a more normal life. But the use of Medical Cannabis in this case, doesn't only help the people who suffer from the seizures, but it helps their whole family. As people (mainly parents) with special needs children who suffer from seizures and other afflictions have been known to suffer from things like anxiety as they are always 'waiting', and are stressed because they are worried about their child having an 'episode'.

- Medicinal Cannabis can also give relief for those who are in constant pain.
- It has been shown to minimise the negative side effects of people who are undergoing intensive treatment e.g. - chemotherapy.

And while these are only a few things that Medicinal Cannabis has the potential for, it would also be a cheaper alternative to prescribed drugs and could be more accessible to people.

In summary, I think that the Bill for Medicinal Cannabis should be passed. The Bill will allow more extensive scientific testing over a larger range of users which may produce even more uses to assist with medical conditions.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

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