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Re: Invitation to medical cannabis tour

Dear Chief Timothy Foley:

I hope this letter finds you well! Medical cannabis patients throughout the state rejoiced when Governor Jerry Brown signed into California law the *Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act* (MCRSA) of 2015. Establishing a path toward safe access to cannabis medicines is now within reach for communities and governments together. As Director of *A Therapeutic Alternative*, I dedicate my service to advocating for sensible and balanced medical cannabis policies at all levels of government. I would be honored to share insight and perspective into our local medical cannabis industry through a fully-transparent tour of our medical facility, as well as and our affiliates medical cannabis operations!

The recent passage into state law of MCRSA and the *Adult Use of Marijuana Act* (AUMA) of 2016 has greatly accelerated California's medical cannabis movement. Our state's new medical and recreational cannabis laws have established unprecedented personal, family, patient, consumer and environmental protections for California's medical cannabis patients. The State of California was first in the nation to recognize the needs of medical cannabis patients with passage into state law of the *Compassionate Use Act* (CUA) of 1996. We at *A Therapeutic Alternative* are relieved that our state's medical cannabis laws have since been revisited and recalibrated to better suit the needs of medical cannabis patients today. Our patients have long endured stigma, shame and fear for treating the health of their loved ones and selves with cannabis medicines. Now, thanks to our State Legislature, that through MCRSA and AUMA, local leaders now have opportunity to open the medical cannabis dialogue within their communities; to listen to the concerns and wishes of those living and working within the community; and through public and private partnerships, to mend our communities while serving the needs of local medical cannabis patients.

Passage of MCRSA was met with outright bans in some of California's local governments, and for those jurisdictions keeping an open heart and open mind for medical cannabis patients, the public hearings toward regulation of medical cannabis are underway throughout California's local governments. We continue cultivating hope that the voices of medical cannabis patients will be heard throughout these public processes and that our patients' voices are heard despite these recent bans and overly strict regulations. Through our non-profit advocacy work, we continue extending opportunity for community and government leaders to perceive, discuss and consider the benefits which medical cannabis operations can--and do--, bring to local communities.

On behalf of *A Therapeutic Alternative*, I invite you to perceive, consider and discuss *A Therapeutic Alternative's* local operations as well as those of our local medical cannabis affiliates and operations in Sacramento! We are excited to share our work with you and to provide opportunity for you to gain valuable insight by observing, asking questions of, and partaking in discussion with leaders within our local medical cannabis industry with whom we work closely. We are quite proud to work closely together with our local affiliates throughout production of cannabis medicines! Through collaboration with our local affiliates and members of the community, our medical cannabis operations have helped communities reclaim public and private spaces from crime and decay; offering instead peace and security for the individuals and families of the communities in which we operate our medical cannabis facilities.

Through our collaborative efforts *A Therapeutic Alternative* and our local affiliates have endeavored to inform public dialogue, voice shared concerns, engage questions and challenge misconceptions through on-

going participation in local government, as well as through hosting of government medical cannabis tours. We invite you and your staff to observe for yourselves an operational medical cannabis dispensary, an indoor cultivation site, a cannabis medicine manufacturer, a medical cannabis testing lab, and/or a medical cannabis bakery. This would be a wonderful opportunity to observe first-hand how the medical cannabis industry addresses the needs of the community in the course of implementing safe and environmentally-friendly solutions to our medical cannabis business operations. We hope to help illustrate what the medical cannabis industry is capable of returning to patients, the community, constituents, and our local ecosystems.

The production of medical-grade cannabis therapies and medicines are made possible by the collaborative efforts of dedicated professionals throughout cultivation, testing, production, distribution, and dispensing. *A Therapeutic Alternative's* qualitative standards and those of our partner sites allows us to together provide our patients:

- Cannabis medicines cultivated by local farmers whose practices are environmentally and ethically sound
- Cannabis medicines, all of which have been lab-tested for mold, mildew, bugs, particulates, pesticides and other contaminants
- Cannabis medicines, all of which have been lab-tested for the active cannabinoid profiles unique to each medicine (i.e. CBD, THC, CBN, etc.)
- Clear labelling of all cannabis medicines on offer (medicine-specific name, cannabinoids and potency); basic information which empowers patients to safely and consistently find the most effective medicine for their needs
- Medical cannabis dispensary counselors who undergo weekly, continuing education to ensure that patients receive the best possible guidance when choosing cannabis medicines and administration methods
- A Compassion Program reserved for patients who are juvenile dependents, severely ill and/or low-income, and who are otherwise unable to obtain the medicines they need to treat debilitating illnesses and conditions
- Low-cost and complementary child-proof containers for safe home storage of cannabis medicines (i.e. capsules, edibles, etc.)
- Safe access to regular scheduled and complementary holistic health services (nutrition and wellness coaching, support groups, yoga, reiki, sound therapy, to name a few)
- Medical cannabis industry representatives dedicated to building and maintaining close relationships with neighbors in the community, government officials, and industry affiliates

We look forward to addressing any questions or concerns you may have as you learn more about how we provide our patients the best available cannabis medicines and how safe access to medical cannabis can positively impact Nevada City. Please consider supplementing this invitation by viewing a brief clip online which helps illustrate what *A Therapeutic Alternative* offers to patients and the community: <http://www.atherapeuticalternative.com/about-us.html>. **Please do not hesitate to contact our Assistant for Government Affairs, Henry Calderón, at (916) 912-3164 or by e-mail at atagovernmentaffairs@gmail.com, or contact me directly to arrange a tour of *A Therapeutic Alternative* and/or one of our partner sites.**

Blessings,



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