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George and Margaret McMahan
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Dear George and Margaret,

Thank you for your letter concerning the medicinal use of marijuana. Last year I was among a group of Senators who introduced legislation to allow the medicinal use of marijuana in Iowa. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass the Senate subcommittee. I intend to re-introduce the bill to allow the medicinal use of marijuana in Iowa in the Senate again this term.

Although I support the medicinal use of marijuana, I want to make clear that I do not support the decriminalization of possession of marijuana. I support its use only if prescribed by a physician to a patient, and the patient is under supervision of the physician. I hold this position because I believe that trained medical personnel are equipped with knowledge of the benefits and side-effects of its use.

If you have any additional questions or issues which you feel need to be addressed, please feel free to contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Respectfully,

Merlin E. Bartz
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