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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PATTY JUDGE  
LT. GOVERNOR

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Carl Eric Olsen  
130 E Aurora  
Des Moines, IA 50313

Dear Carl:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the usage of marijuana for medical purposes. We appreciate you taking the time to contact us.

Currently, the use of marijuana for medical purposes has been legalized in a handful of states. However, there are instances where these laws have been subjected to challenge. Such state laws may be preempted by federal laws regarding marijuana.

Marijuana is currently an illegal substance under Iowa law. In the past, our administration has opposed any efforts to change the relevant sections of the *Iowa Code* regarding marijuana use.

As you may know, the General Assembly recently established an interim legislative study task force to look at the implications of legalized medical marijuana in Iowa.

We encourage you to contact your state legislators regarding this issue. Their contact information can be found at: [www.legis.state.ia.us/](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/).

Thank you again for contacting our office. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the future with your thoughts. We appreciate your input.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chester J. Culver in black ink.

Chester J. Culver  
Governor of Iowa

Handwritten signature of Patty Judge in black ink.

Patty Judge  
Lt. Governor

