

**In the Iowa District Court
in and for
Polk County Iowa**

George McMahon, Bryan Scott, and
Barbara Douglass, Petitioners

and

Carl E. Olsen, Intervenor

vs.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy,
Respondent

Docket No. CV 7415

Statement of George McMahon

COMES NOW, Petitioner George McMahon, and respectfully states:

I am George McMahon, one of the Petitioners in this matter. I have has used marijuana to control pain, spasm and nausea under medical supervision for over 18 years after qualifying to participate in the Federal Investigational drug program. No new patients have been accepted into that program since 1992. I cannot take alternative therapies because they have proven ineffective and at times life threatening.

Under the federal "Investigational Drug Program," I am provided with marijuana cigarettes by the federal government. My use is monitored by a physician who is accepted by the program. President Bush closed the program to new participants a long time ago. I believe that I am one of the last three people who can obtain marijuana for medical use in treatment from the federal government. I am worried that the program will be discontinued and that Iowa physicians will not be able to prescribe or supervise my continued use of marijuana for medical purposes.

If my current doctor dies or retires, I am at great risk of losing access to medically supervised marijuana therapy through the program and would be forced to consider illegal use of marijuana or discontinuing treatment for my debilitating symptoms.

I believe that as long as marijuana is scheduled as a substance that has "no acceptable medical use" in Iowa I will always be at risk of not having a physician to prescribe or monitor my use of marijuana for medical purposes.

I state under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.


George McMahon

Date: 01-16-09

Certificate of Service

I certify that on or before January 27, 2009 I served the other parties to this action with notice of this motion by mailing true copies to all parties of record or their attorneys as the case may be and as shown below:

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