



*Compassionate Use Campaign*

## Letter from a Connecticut Doctor

### Please Support Medical Marijuana in Connecticut by Supporting House Bill 6715

“My name is Dr. Nancy Sheehan. I am a practicing physician in Connecticut, but I’m writing to you as someone who lost a loved one to cancer and who has witnessed the benefits of medical marijuana firsthand. In 2000, my late husband, Jim Wolfe, was diagnosed with colon cancer. Two years after his diagnosis, after a long and painful struggle for his life, he passed away.



Seeing Jim suffering was difficult as a spouse and rendered me helpless as a doctor. Jim had always been very athletic and strong before the cancer and chemotherapy treatments. He had lived a very active life. Once the chemotherapy began and the cancer began to attack his body, I saw a strong and vibrant man reduced to a mere fraction of his former self.

My husband was in extreme pain for months, nauseous and with no appetite. Chemotherapy and colon cancer caused him to lose a lot of weight. There was a medicine that would help relieve pain, reduce nausea and restore his appetite—marijuana. After he started taking his new medicine, he was not 100% better, but his quality of life drastically improved.

Getting the marijuana was always a challenge. Obtaining the medicine that best helped my husband put my family at great risk. My finances, home, career and child’s future were in jeopardy every time Jim accessed or used marijuana. I believe this is wrong, and that is why I am writing to you today. At a time when my family was most vulnerable, I was forced to choose between my livelihood and my dying husband’s quality of life. My husband and I were criminals in the eyes of the law, and this is not right.

I hope that, with the passage this year of House Bill 6715, we can help caregivers and sick and terminally ill patients across Connecticut. This legislation will allow doctors to recommend medical marijuana to those people who have specific conditions for which marijuana is medically valuable. As a practicing physician and someone who witnessed the pain and suffering of a loved one, I strongly urge you to contact your legislators today and tell them to vote for House Bill 6715.”

Dr. Nancy Sheehan

Give doctors the right to recommend the best medicine  
for the best available treatment. Tell your legislators to support  
compassionate use by supporting House Bill 6715.