



Compassionate Use Campaign

Public Support for Medical Marijuana

Please Support Medical Marijuana in Connecticut by Supporting House Bill 6715

A 2004 poll conducted by the University of Connecticut Center for Survey and Research Analysis found that **83% of respondents support allowing access to medical marijuana**. This level of support for access to medical marijuana is in line with other state and national polls that have found overwhelming public support for access to medical marijuana. Between 1996 and 2006 more than 60 state and national polls found overwhelming public support for medical marijuana. Support has increased over time as the public has learned more about the issue.

- A 2004 poll by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) found 72% support for allowing access to medical marijuana.
- A 2002 CNN/Time poll found that 80% of Americans support allowing patients access to medical marijuana.
- A 2001 national poll for the Pew Research Center found that 73% of those polled favored allowing access to medical marijuana.
- A 2006 poll in New Jersey found 86% of voters supported allowing seriously ill patients access to medical marijuana with a doctor's recommendation.

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In most of the eleven states that allow access to medical marijuana, the medical marijuana access laws were passed as a result of voter referenda. In each state the referendum passed by a sizeable majority.

Residents in Connecticut and across the country understand that allowing access to medical marijuana is the compassionate and reasonable thing to do. They understand that deadly diseases don't discriminate. They or a loved one could be the victim of a serious or life-threatening illness. Medical marijuana might be the only medicine that would alleviate their devastating and debilitating symptoms.

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—*The People Have Spoken:
Medical Marijuana Polling
1996-2002, The Ohio
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