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Refreshing News for the Legalization of Marijuana in Wisconsin

MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to Governor Evers’ vocalized support for taking steps towards the legalization of marijuana:

“Today we received the refreshing news that Governor Evers is in favor of taking steps towards the full legalization of marijuana in the state of Wisconsin.

For the past five years, I have worked tirelessly towards the full legalization of marijuana in Wisconsin. In addition to its medicinal benefits, by legalizing recreational marijuana in Wisconsin we would open the door to countless family-sustaining jobs, have the means to regulate and tax marijuana, and address the massive racial disparities in marijuana-related arrest rates. The truth is, the most dangerous thing about marijuana right now in our state is that it is illegal.

It is wonderful to hear that Governor Evers sees the importance of moving forward towards full legalization, and is listening to the voices of his constituents. The people of Wisconsin have said loud and clear that the prohibition of marijuana is not working— as the recent November election showed, people across the state are [overwhelmingly in support](#) of legalization. It is past time for the Legislature to hear the voices of their bosses, the people of Wisconsin.

I look forward to working closely with Governor Evers as we map out the best path in going forward to bring full legalization to the state of Wisconsin, and will continue working tirelessly in my efforts to [legalize opportunity](#) in our state.”

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Melissa Sargent is a State Representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the east and north sides of the city of Madison and the village of Maple Bluff.