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Representative Allen circulates letter advocating cannabis research

Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) began circulating a letter today to colleagues in the Wisconsin state legislature asking federal officials to streamline medicinal research and collect data surrounding cannabis and marijuana. The letter will be sent to Wisconsin's congressional delegation when circulation concludes.

Marijuana is currently classified by the federal government as a Schedule I substance, which means there is a high likelihood of abuse and no accepted medicinal use. Drugs in this classification face significant hurdles to being researched in a scholarly manner. Rep. Allen is opposed to legalizing recreational marijuana, but believes there may be some room for expanded research into the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes.

"For decades, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been the agency which oversees scientific processes into the safety and efficacy of medicines," said Rep. Allen. "Now policymakers are being asked to preempt that process and legalize a drug for medicinal or recreational use. We need more information. The FDA and federal law enforcement can serve as conduits in gathering relevant data. Congress needs to take action to expedite relevant research."

You can read the full text of the letter by [following this link](#).

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*The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha
and the Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.*