

Southeastern Wisconsin chapter of the National Organization for the Reform for Marijuana Laws: 1,215 letters supporting medical cannabis sent to state legislators

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As of Tuesday night 10/1, 612 Wisconsinites used SE WI NORML's website to [send out a combined 1,215 letters](#) to their state legislators (both Assembly and Senate reps) in support of Wisconsin's medical cannabis bill, LRB-1055. LRB-1055 was introduced on September 20th by a bipartisan group of legislators and will legalize medical cannabis dispensaries, allow doctors to recommend cannabis for a wide variety of conditions (including HIV/AIDS, Crohn's, PTSD, and chronic pain), and allow patients to grow their own medicine.

These 600+ Wisconsinites are just a small sample of the [83% of Wisconsinites who support medical cannabis](#) according to the latest Marquette Poll and the overwhelmingly popular medical cannabis referendums last November. Given cannabis's documented safety and efficacy in helping people with [cancer](#), [HIV/AIDS](#), [neuropathic pain](#), [seizure disorders](#), and much more, it's no wonder that the vast majority of Wisconsinites support allowing patients to access safer alternatives to often-times dangerous prescriptions. With prescription opiate overdoses [killing over 15,000 Americans in 2017](#), many people are drawn to the fact that [states with medical cannabis laws have 24.8% fewer opiate overdose deaths](#) than states without.

In light of the overwhelming public support and scientific evidence behind medical cannabis, SE WI NORML calls upon Senate President Roger Roth to assign LRB-1055 to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services - where previous medical

cannabis bills have gone – so it can have a hearing and a vote. It's long overdue to stop turning patients into criminals for using their medicine.

SE WI NORML supports LRB-1055 and thanks Senators Testin and Erpenbach and Rep Taylor for crafting this bill.