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Rep. Sinicki Praises Governor Evers' Move to End Marijuana Ban

MADISON – State Representative Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) responded Monday to Governor Tony Evers' plan to legalize medical marijuana and decriminalize minor marijuana use. Under the Governor's proposal, a physician could prescribe the use of medical marijuana to alleviate symptoms of illness like cancer, glaucoma, chronic pain, or seizures.

"Wisconsinites across the political spectrum agree - it is just absurd that, under current law, sick individuals and their families are treated like criminals for using medical marijuana. Governor Evers is right: it's time Wisconsin joined 33 other states to legalize medicinal marijuana prescribed by a doctor. It's time to stop forcing people who are sick and in pain to hide in the shadows when they seek this form of relief."

Evers' budget proposal will also decriminalize possession, manufacture or distribution of 25 grams or less of marijuana (less than one ounce) or less. It will establish an expungement procedure for individuals who have been convicted of the same, if they have completed their sentence.

"Our current system of marijuana prohibition is costly, ineffective, and exacerbates racial and socioeconomic inequalities. It is long past time for policymakers to listen to the will of the people and make this change. I appreciate Governor Evers' leadership on this issue and look forward to working with him to responsibly reform our outdated marijuana laws."

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