



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic radio address: Wisconsinites Support Medical Marijuana

MADISON, WI – Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week’s address can be found here:

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/32/shilling/media/1231/erpenbachradio021919.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hi, I’m Senator Jon Erpenbach.

“Since 2009, I have been the author of legislation to legalize medical marijuana, and in that time I have heard heartbreaking stories from people across the state who are using marijuana to alleviate serious medical conditions.

“We have seen bi-partisan support from legislators on this issue. Thirty states and Washington, D.C., have passed effective medical marijuana programs, and we are seeing a growing number of Wisconsinites who support decriminalization for medical use. Recent polling showed that 59% of Wisconsinites support the legalization of all marijuana, but broken down into medical use the numbers are even higher.

“I applaud Governor Evers for introducing the medical marijuana proposal to provide relief to those suffering from chronic pain and opiate addiction. This is an issue that effects both urban and rural areas of our state, and people should not be treated like criminals for accessing medication that they need.

“Legalizing medical marijuana will provide safe, legal, and regulated options to help address debilitating medical conditions, and I am looking forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues to bring common-sense solutions to Wisconsin.”

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