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Rep. Taylor Urges Action on Medical Marijuana

Marquette Law Poll shows overwhelming public support

MADISON – Yesterday, the latest <u>Marquette University Law School Poll</u> revealed that 83% of Wisconsinites believe that medical marijuana should be available to patients with physician approval. This follows a consistent trend of referenda passed throughout the state in favor of legalizing medical marijuana. In the last 5 months, 17 municipalities all across Wisconsin have passed referendum ballot measures in support of medical marijuana, often by large margins, with none of them going in opposition. From 82% of voters in Egg Harbor, to 81% in Lincoln County, to 80% in Sauk County, it is clear that the public wants legislative action now to legalize.

Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison), who has been attempting to pass a medical marijuana bill since she has been in the Legislature, issued the following statement:

"I am glad that Governor Evers included legalization of medical marijuana in his budget, as it is clearly the will of the people," said Rep. Taylor. "Nobody should be treated as a criminal for accessing the medicine that they or a loved one needs. For some patients who are suffering from a debilitating illness, medical marijuana is the only thing that relieves their pain and allows them to cope. The public overwhelmingly supports medical marijuana and my Republican colleagues should represent their constituents by supporting medical marijuana in the Governor's budget."