

# THE COMPASSIONATE PLEDGE 2026



Across the country, millions of seniors, veterans, children with severe autism and epilepsy, people living with rare diseases, chronic pain, or undergoing cancer treatment rely on cannabinoid medicines —often when conventional treatments have failed or when pharmaceutical options carry unacceptable risks. While they consistently report improved quality of life, reduced pain, better sleep, enhanced mood, and increased mobility with tolerable side effects, they face stigma and discrimination due to a lack of federal rights and protection.

I sign this pledge on behalf of these Americans, their families, their healthcare providers, and those in my state who will remain without access until federal laws change.

As a Member of the 120th Congress, I will be a voice for patients' rights in Washington and fight to integrate cannabis medicines into the U.S. healthcare system, ensuring access and dignity for all Americans, regardless of where they live, work, or receive care.

## By signing this pledge, I commit to:

- ★ Co-sponsor comprehensive legislation to establish a national medical cannabis program housed under the Department of Health and Human Services (the Office of Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoid Control) that builds on existing state programs and oversees a new schedule for cannabis and cannabinoids.
- ★ Publicly advocate for medical cannabis patients and a national medical cannabis program.
- ★ Educate colleagues and leverage committees, caucuses, and/or leadership positions to advance the integration of medical cannabis into national healthcare systems, ensuring it is recognized as a legitimate treatment option and restoring the rights of patients.
- ★ Use oversight powers to ensure agencies enact policies and use resources to advance the protections for patients and the advancement of cannabis therapeutics as viable treatment options for all Americans.



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