

THE 2026 MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTION PLEDGE WORKSHEET

A prepared advocate is a powerful advocate—and in 2026, preparation will make the difference between shaping policy and just interpreting laws after the fact. This worksheet is designed to turn commitment into readiness. It helps you map your policymakers, media outlets, networks, and community touch points so you can respond quickly and effectively when action is needed. **Use this worksheet as a resource throughout 2026 and beyond.**

MY ACTION READINESS CHECKLIST

CAMPAIGN PREP

- Read/watched the resources provided
- Followed ASA's social media channels
- RSVP'd for ASA Volunteer Meetings
- Downloaded the needed materials

POLICYMAKER PREPAREDNESS

- Worksheet section completed
- Reviewed Citizen Lobby Guide
- Reviewed Congressional memo

MEDIA & PUBLIC EDUCATION

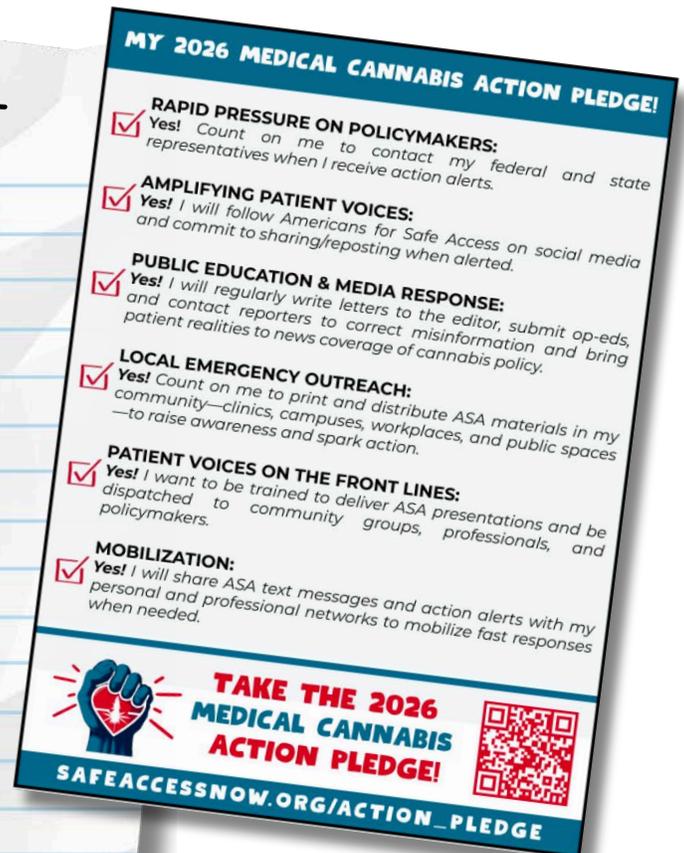
- Worksheet section completed
- Reviewed "Get it Published" Guide
- Reviewed MCCA Talking Points

NETWORK STRENGTH

- Worksheet section completed
- Talked to my contacts about a rapid response
- Reached organizations in my network

COMMUNITY VISIBILITY

- Worksheet section completed
- Events in my calendar
- Made a plan for event outreach
- Printed posters
- Put up posters in my community



2026 FEDERAL MEDICAL CANNABIS DEADLINES

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|------------------------|--|
| January 26th: | CMS public comment deadline |
| January 30th: | FY2026 DOJ/CJS & HHS Continuing Resolutions expire |
| February 6th: | FDA cannabinoid lists & definitions |
| September 30th: | FY2027 appropriations deadline |
| November 11th: | Federal hemp provisions take effect, & HHS defines intoxicating cannabinoids |



YOUR 2026 MEDICAL CANNABIS PLEDGE TOOLKIT

The Medical Cannabis Action Pledge is an opportunity to deepen your commitment to safe access. Advocacy can be intimidating, but it's YOUR experiences with medical cannabis that will make you a powerful advocate; you can learn the rest.

Since 2002, ASA has been empowering advocates to participate in campaigns and projects that are shaping the future of medical cannabis. ASA Campaigns always include the tools and training you need to join us in our journey. In 2026, opportunities for positive medical cannabis policy will require advocates to be ready to act. Use the graphic below to quickly find the resources you need to fulfill your pledged actions!

NAME: _____ CITY/STATE: _____
 EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT : _____

MY 2026 MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTION PLEDGE!

- RAPID PRESSURE ON POLICYMAKERS:**
Yes! Count on me to contact my federal and state representatives when I receive action alerts.
- AMPLIFYING PATIENT VOICES:**
Yes! I will follow Americans for Safe Access on social media and commit to sharing/reposting when alerted.
- PUBLIC EDUCATION & MEDIA RESPONSE:**
Yes! I will regularly write letters to the editor, submit op-eds, and contact reporters to correct misinformation and bring patient realities to news coverage of cannabis policy.
- LOCAL EMERGENCY OUTREACH:**
Yes! Count on me to print and distribute ASA materials in my community—clinics, campuses, workplaces, and public spaces—to raise awareness and spark action.
- PATIENT VOICES ON THE FRONT LINES:**
Yes! I want to be trained to deliver ASA presentations and be dispatched to community groups, professionals, and policymakers.
- MOBILIZATION:**
Yes! I will share ASA text messages and action alerts with my personal and professional networks to mobilize fast responses when needed.



**TAKE THE 2026
MEDICAL CANNABIS
ACTION PLEDGE!**



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FOR MORE ACTION PLEDGE RESOURCES
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A. RAPID PRESSURE ON POLICYMAKERS:

Contacting federal and state representatives when ASA Action alerts are issued

- Ready now
- Training Needed

ASA RESOURCES:

- Citizen Lobbying Guide:**
safeaccessnow.org/citizen_lobbying
- Congressional Policy Debrief 2025-2026:**
safeaccessnow.org/December_2025_Memo
- Talking points:**
safeaccessnow.org/mcca_talking_points

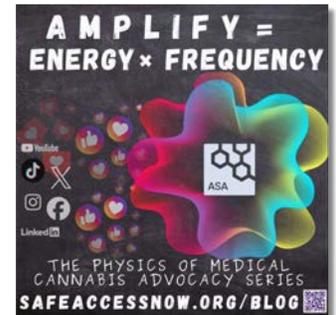


B. AMPLIFYING PATIENT VOICES

Sharing ASA alerts and patient-centered content on social media

ASA RESOURCES:

- Read: "AMPLIFY = ENERGY x FREQUENCY: Principles of Change for Medical Cannabis Advocates."** safeaccessnow.org/amplify_energy_frequency
- Follow ASA's Social Media Channels** safeaccessnow.org/social
- Organize your network to repost & share ASA Content** (see page 8)



C. PUBLIC EDUCATION & MEDIA RESPONSE

Letters to the editor, op-eds, and reporter outreach

- Ready now
- Request Training

ASA RESOURCES:

- Get it Published: Letters to the Editor & Opinion Pieces:**
safeaccessnow.org/lte
- Talking points:**
safeaccessnow.org/mcca_talking_points



D. LOCAL EMERGENCY OUTREACH

Printing and distributing ASA materials in the community

ASA RESOURCES:

- Printable Flyers & Fact Sheets
www.safeaccessnow.org/advocacy-resources
- “Tabling Without a Table” Guide



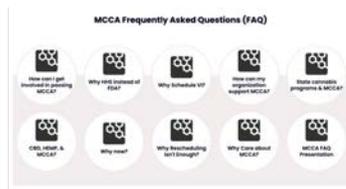
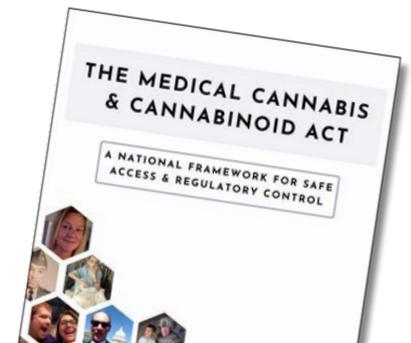
E. PATIENT VOICES ON THE FRONT LINES

Delivering ASA presentations to community groups, professionals, and policymakers

- Ready now
- Training needed

ASA RESOURCES:

- Present the Medical Cannabis & Cannabinoid Act (MCCA):
safeaccessnow.org/mcca_presentations
- MCCA: Read the legislation text & factsheets
safeaccessnow.org/lobby-day-materials
- MCCA FAQ
safeaccessnow.org/mcca_411

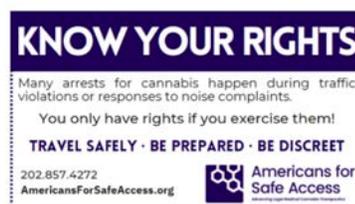


F. MOBILIZATION

Sharing ASA action alerts through personal and professional networks

ASA RESOURCES:

- See pages 9 & 10



A) My Senior U.S. Senator

Name: _____

Party: D R I/Other Year Elected: _____

Official Website (.gov): _____

Washington, DC Office Phone: _____

Local/District Office Phone: _____

Social Media (list handles):

X/Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Appropriations Committees (circle all that apply): HHS / CJS / Ag / None

Key Staff or Notes (health LA, counsel, votes, statements):

Look Up Elected officials:
www.safeaccessnow.org/contact_your_elected_officials



B) MY JUNIOR U.S. SENATOR

Name: _____

Party: D R I/Other Year Elected: _____

Official Website (.gov): _____

Washington, DC Office Phone: _____

Local/District Office Phone: _____

Social Media (list handles):

X/Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Appropriations Committees (circle all that apply): HHS / CJS / Ag / None

Key Staff or Notes (health LA, counsel, votes, statements):



Senate CJS Appropriations Committee

www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/commerce-justice-science-and-related-agencies



Senate HHS Appropriations Committee:

www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/labor-health-and-human-services-education-and-related-agencies



C) My U.S. Representative

Name: _____

Party: D R I/Other Year Elected: _____

Official Website (.gov): _____

Washington, DC Office Phone: _____

Local/District Office Phone: _____

Social Media (list handles):

X/Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Appropriations Committees (circle all that apply): HHS / CJS / Ag / None

Key Staff or Notes (health LA, counsel, votes, statements):



House CJS Appropriations Committee: House HHS Appropriations Committee: appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/labor-health-and-human-services-education-and-related-agencies



House HHS Appropriations Committee: appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/labor-health-and-human-services-education-and-related-agencies

D) My Governor

Name: _____

Party: D R I/Other Year Elected: _____

Social Media (list handles):

X/Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Medical cannabis: Supportive / Unknown / Against

Hemp-derived products: Supportive / Unknown / Against

Notes:





A) Newspapers

1) Newspaper Name: _____

URL: _____

Letters to the Editor Info (form/link): _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes (health reporter, politics editor, deadlines, word limits):

2) Newspaper Name: _____

URL: _____

Letters to the Editor Info (form/link): _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes: _____

3) Newspaper Name: _____

URL: _____

Letters to the Editor Info (form/link): _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes: _____

B) TV Stations



1) TV Station Name: _____

URL: _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes (assignment desk, investigative team, health segment):

2) TV Station Name: _____

URL: _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes: _____

3) TV Station Name: _____

URL: _____

News Desk Email (for press releases): _____

Notes: _____



A) Organizations I Work With

1) Organization Name: _____

Website (URL): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

How can this organization support the Safe Access 4 All Campaign

(mobilize members, submit comments, amplify media, host events, testify, etc.):

2) Organization Name: _____

Website (URL): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Support role:

3) Organization Name: _____

Website (URL): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Support role:

4) Organization Name: _____

Website (URL): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Support role:

5) Organization Name: _____

Website (URL): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Support role:



MY NETWORK

B) Personal Contacts I Will Alert with Pledge Actions (complete 10)

(These are the people you'll actually text/email when it's time to submit comments, call offices, or place letters to the editor.)

	Name	Email	Cell
1			
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C) Message for your personal network (sample: Dear friend, medical cannabis policy is heating up in 2026. I am building an emergency response network. Can I count on you to participate?)



A) Places I Can Post Flyers / Posters (20)

(laundromats, campuses, community boards, dispensaries, grocery stores, libraries, clinics, etc.)

	Location Name	Address
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B) Events for Outreach

(Conferences, fairs, town halls, health expos, campus events, festivals, hearings)

1. Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$_____

Cost to table: \$_____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)

2. Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$_____

Cost to table: \$_____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)

3. Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$_____

Cost to table: \$_____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)



4. Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$ _____

Cost to table: \$ _____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)

5 Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$ _____

Cost to table: \$ _____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)

6. Event Name: _____

Dates: _____

URL: _____

Outreach Type (circle all that apply):

Present / Table / Hand out flyers / Other

Cost to attend: \$ _____

Cost to table: \$ _____

Nonprofit discount: Yes No Unknown

Deadline to register: _____

Do you know others who will be: Attending / Presenting / Tabling / No (circle)





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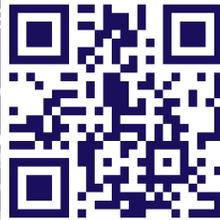
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REACH A LOYAL AUDIENCE	WIN	FUND ASA PROGRAMMING	WIN

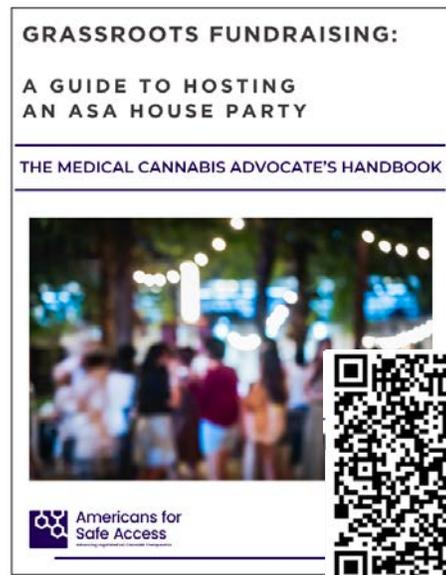
DONATE PROCEEDS OR OFFER MEMBER DISCOUNTS.

PATIENTS (humankind)	WIN	HEALTHCARE INTEGRATION	PRODUCT SAFETY	END STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION
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Every dollar raised supports projects & campaigns that improve patients' lives by expanding access to medical cannabis & restoring...

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GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISING:

A GUIDE TO HOSTING AN ASA HOUSE PARTY

THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ADVOCATE'S HANDBOOK



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