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IMMLY HAILS REP. UNDERHEIM'S BIPARTISAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL

Mondovi & Madison – The introduction of bipartisan medical marijuana legislation sponsored by GOP Rep. Gregg Underheim and 13 other state lawmakers is great news for Wisconsinites with medical needs, according to the group, Is My Medicine Legal YET?

Jacki Rickert, Founder and executive director of IMMLY, says of the bill, “It’s about time this comes to light. We elect our politicians to be the voice of the people. With over 80% support for medical marijuana in Wisconsin, I applaud the gentleman for taking the initiative and standing up for people who are often unheard, ignored or invisible.”

“While some would try to paint this issue as controversial, there should be nothing controversial about preserving one’s health and quality of life,” Rickert added.

IMMLY director of communications Gary Storck noted, “Rep. Underheim is correct in having said he doesn't think the average person would object to his bill. Most Wisconsinites have to be very pleased this issue is finally receiving serious consideration, and has bipartisan support in the legislature.”

“With a Republican sponsor, Health Committee chair and cancer survivor taking the lead, this issue should finally get a fair hearing. And when those hearings are held, we expect some very powerful and compelling testimony from people close to this issue,” Storck added.

Rickert called on citizens to get active, saying, “There is an urgent need not only for medical marijuana but also for people to let their support be known and to be a voice for those too ill to speak for themselves. Please call or write your representatives today.”

Is My Medicine Legal YET? is a Mondovi and Madison based grass roots patient and caregiver based organization dedicated to advancing public education about the medicinal benefits of marijuana. For further information contact Jacki Rickert at 715.926.4950 or Gary Storck at 608.241.8922 or visit the IMMLY website at www.immly.org.