

MJ PLAN

Medical Marijuana Patient Lobbyists & Advocacy for Nevada

To: Nevada's Department of Taxation MJ Division
Re: Medical Mj Patients Request Specific Funding Allocations
Date: 9-14-2018

Nevada's Medical Marijuana Patients would like to request that funding be set aside for essential research on the toxicology, microbiology, and plant pathology of the commercially-produced cannabis in Nevada. We will also need a regulatory mandate to make sure our laboratories standardize testing methodologies in order to make the new research viable and consistent. Furthermore, we'd like to petition the Department of Agriculture to create a specially regulated, state-certified, organic panel specific for use on marijuana and industrial hemp.

As your dedicated patient advocate, I've now come before many regulatory committees to put onto public record the serious issues we face dealing with pesticides and the standardization of new testing methodologies. Patients would like to insist the proper funding be allocated to address these extremely important safety concerns.

And we'd like to make it clear that we shouldn't simply research the pesticides and growth enhancers used on cannabis agriculture. Science clearly shows we've critical issue with unknown (and unsafe) NEW chemicals being produced due to the processes of extraction and concentration; and these unique chemicals must also be examined from a toxicology standpoint. Nevada's own scientific data confirms the patients' worst fears in that residuals and solvents are concentrating to heat up and produce entirely unexpected, synthetically-derived chemicals which our experts agree isn't safe for consumption, yet these chemicals continue to go completely unregulated and dare I say, purposely undetected.

This is why Nevada's Medical Marijuana Patients are making an issue of putting it on public record that we request the Marijuana Division of the Tax Department appropriate funds to be earmarked specifically for much needed toxicology research. Before all the marijuana money has been allocated elsewhere, our experts agree we must, at the very least, budget for a thorough and scientific assessment so we can assure consumer safety. It will require funding and a standardized methodology of testing which means the patients need your regulatory assistance on several levels.

It's also important to tell you that our medical marijuana patients have a growing need for a certifiable organic panel in relation to cannabis cultivation. That'll require initial funding for the Dept of Agriculture to research and initially establish so we ask that the Tax Department please make sure this issue also makes the budgetary conversation.

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