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Angie Lake:

We talked earlier this Wednesday regarding Thursdays judiciary hearing. For now this will have to be my written testimony. If it is possible to amend my testimony in the next few days let me know. I have much more to say on this subject.

While I have not had the time to write the article I would have liked to present to the judiciary, concerning these 3 Marijuana Bills before the House, suffice it to say I am against all of them. I am also against any future bill that would in anyway encroach on our ability to "grow, gift or sell" Cannabis. If possible I would like to submit additional testimony in the days to come.

For now THIS following letter will have to do. . .

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Vote for any of these Marijuana Bills and you will be voted out of office for ignoring the will of 63% of the Michigan voters:

An atrocious Marijuana Bill has just past the Michigan Senate which could very well end "home growing" in Michigan. We have but a few days to pressure the House "members" to vote this bill down by threatening them with the loss of their jobs in the next election.

For years I have been warning activists throughout the country about the eminent takeover of Marijuana cultivation and distribution by Big Pharma and State Governments. On November 15th, 2013 the Michigan Senate passed SB660 which will do just that . . . if it also passes the Michigan House of Representatives.

So the immediate task before us is quite simple: make sure this bill fails in the Michigan House of Representatives.

There are two articles that I want each activist to read immediately to understand our current situation. Basically both the Legislative and Judicial Branch are attempting to roll back the 2008 Medical Marijuana Initiative despite the fact it was passed by 63% of Michigan voters.

Here is the article describing how the Judicial Branch is trying gut the 2008 Medical Marijuana Initiative:

Michigan: Supreme Court To Eye Local Bans On Medical Marijuana  
<http://hemp.org/news/content/michigan-supreme-court-eye-local-bans-medical-marijuana#sthash.tqryEHgS.dpuf>

And here is the article describing how the Judicial Branch is trying gut the 2008 Medical Marijuana Initiative:

I implore activist to read the entire article. But here is how it begins:

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### Michigan "Pharmaceutical" Medical Marijuana Bill Passes Senate

By Scott Gacek | The Daily Chronic November 15, 2013

LANSING, MI — A bill that would allow pharmacies in Michigan to stock "pharmaceutical grade" medical marijuana passed the Senate Wednesday by a 22-16 vote.

Introduced by Republican state Senator Roger Kahn and co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, Senate Bill 660 would, if passed, reclassify medical marijuana to a Schedule II drug in the state, controlled in a manner similar to drugs such as OxyContin or Percocet.

It would also license facilities to grow the new "pharmaceutical grade" marijuana and distribute it through authorized pharmacies, such as Walgreens or CVS, and require strict laboratory testing for quality and dosage standards.

Sen. Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) said he hopes the bill will begin the process of getting marijuana cultivation out of homes and into the hands of pharmaceutical companies, vocalizing the fears of many within the medical marijuana community.

"It's time to get marijuana out of houses and put it somewhere else," Sen. Jones said. "Let the pharmaceutical companies grow it and sell it in pharmacies."

<http://www.thedailychronic.net/2013/26343/michigan-pharmaceutical-grade-medical-marijuana-bill-passes-senate/>

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### (2) BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

\* The support for recreational legalization has grown from 12% (1969) to 58% (2013) nationwide according to a longitudinal Gallup Poll.

\* In 2008 the Medical Marijuana Initiative was passed by a landslide margin of 63% of the Michigan voters.

\* Between 2009 and 2013 the Michigan Judiciary, Legislature and Municipal Leagues have been trying to subvert the will of WE THE PEOPLE through zoning ordinances, patient harassment and selective actions against Cannabis activists.

\* On Wednesday, November 13th, the Senate passed a bill that could very well subvert the will of WE THE PEOPLE: essentially gutting the 2008 initiative and handing over the production and distribution of Cannabis to a foreign Canadian Corporation.

\* Beginning Monday, November 18th, we have less than a week to pressure the Michigan House of Representatives to vote this bill down.

In essence what we have here is an attempt to thwart the will of WE THE PEOPLE. This is not what our Founding Fathers intended and it is up to us to stop this from moving forward.

Despite passing the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, in 2008, by a landslide vote of 63% of Michigan voters, both the legislature and MI Supreme Court have decided to ignore the will of the PEOPLE.

### (3) ACTION PLAN

There are 110 House Members that we need to demand a "no vote" from, during the coming week. We may have more than next week (11/18/ - 11/23) but we should not count on that.

First thing Monday November 18th I am imploring the Cannabis Activists of Michigan to contact all Michigan House Members through both emails and direct phone calls.  
The purpose of this action has multiple purposes:

- \* We want to determine how each House member is intending to vote.
- \* We want them to understand that we see this as an existential threat to representative government.
- \* We want them to understand, in no uncertain terms, that we will track every member, that votes for this bill, and will oust them from office when they come up for re-election

And here is a very succinct version of what I would recommend you communicate to each House member when you call or email them:

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Sample Letter to your State House "member"

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"As one of the 63% that voted for the 2008 Medical Marijuana Act I cannot see Senate approval of SB660 as anything but a betrayal of the people you were elected to represent. We already have the full list of Senators that voted for SB660 and will do everything within our power to insure none of them are re-elected:

#### SENATE DEMOCRATS

Warren (D)

#### SENATE REPUBLICANS

Booher (R), Brandenburg (R), Casperson (R), Caswell (R), Colbeck (R), Green (R), Hansen (R), Hildenbrand (R), Jansen (R), Jones (R), Kahn (R), Kowall (R), Marleau (R), Meekhof (R), Nofs (R), Pappageorge (R), Pavlov (R), Proos (R), Richardville (R), Robertson (R), Walker (R)  
It has been 76 years since Cannabis (e.g., Marijuana) became illegal at the Federal Level, with the passage of the Marijuana Tax Stamp Act. And for nearly 50 years both "home growers" and Cannabis consumers have had to suffer your persecution because we were led to believe that Marijuana was a dangerous drug. Oddly over 80,000 Americans die each year from Big Pharma drugs, nearly 340,000 die from smoking cigarettes, yet no one has ever died from smoking Cannabis. It is clear that the foundation, on which Cannabis prohibition is based, is nothing a big fat lie. And on both a state and national level it is quite clear this is how most adults now perceive the situation:

\* 63% of the Michigan voters voted the 2008 Medical Marijuana Initiative in 2008. By any measure that was a landslide victory.

\* Between 2009 and 2013 nationwide support for COMPLETE Marijuana Legalization went from 50% to nearly 60% and is only expected to grow in future years by about 2% each year.

\* In virtually every state it is perfectly legal to brew your own beer. Given the relative safety of Cannabis and the overwhelming support for Cannabis Legalization there is no longer any legitimate reason to prevent an adult from growing their own Cannabis. And frankly the only "card" you should require is a driver's license.

\* There are now about 30 million Americans that are either unemployed or underemployed in this

country. And there are certainly millions of "home growers" who grow or sell their Cannabis. Allowing the legislature to destroy these jobs will only cause more job loss and less money circulating through local communities. Unlike these Canadian "carpet baggers" these "home growers" also help grow local economies as they buy local produce, clothing, dine out in local restaurants etc.

I would also like you to reply to this letter by (1) indicating how you intent to vote and (2) provide a rational for your decision.

But as you decide it might be worth remembering that you serve us and not Big Pharma or these foreign carpetbaggers from Canada. Again, vote for this bill and understand that this will be your last term in office. We are no longer willing to forgive such hypocritical "reefer madness" nonsense any longer. And you can be damn sure we won't forget next time we go to the voting booth. Choose wisely. In more general terms what we wish are either no new legislation or legislation that expands our inalienable right to grow our own herbs and foods. Got it?

#### WHY THIS SHOULD BE OF CONCERN TO ALL ACTIVISTS NATIONWIDE

I have been a journalist/activist, concerning drug policy, for many decades now. I have published a magazine on drug policy (New Age Patriot: 1989 – 1997), organized global events against the drug war (International Drug Policy Day: 1990 – 1996) and have even run for US Congress with a promise to legalize the "home cultivation" of Cannabis (1996, MI).

In 2009/2010 I helped organize and defeat the first "tax, regulate and control" initiative (Prop19, CA) because I was certain it would result in the gradual monopolization and control of Cannabis by State Government and Big Pharma. Despite our victory the Hydra simply grew more heads which is now obviously to activists in CO, WA, MI, CA and many other states. We have been essentially "sold out" by the moneyed drug reform organization which have consistently supported these "tax, regulate and control" initiatives. These organizations include: National NORML, DPA, MPP, LEAP, ASA, SSDP. We have also been essentially "sold out" by our elected representatives.

I first smoked Cannabis (e.g., Marijuana) in 1968 (age 14) and have spent the last 45 years trying to understand what is behind this insanity. In the final analysis this is but a single facet of a much larger agenda whose primary purpose is to control the people as if they were sheep and not truly free men. To get a glimpse of the bigger picture I would recommend that all activists read the following article:

Ill-Gotten Gains, The Rockefeller War on Drugs  
<http://www.rockefellerdrugwars.com/>

I think it is now quite clear, to most activists, that these "tax, regulate and control" initiatives have turned out to be "Trojan Horses" fully intended to subvert our inalienable right to "grow our own" Cannabis. But nowhere is this more obvious than in the current bill moving through the Michigan Legislature. In the case of SB660 we are seeing an obvious attempt to subvert the will of Michigan voters and literally hand it over to Big Pharma: something everyone told me could never happen.

Well it is happening and we need to do something about that.

Despite passing the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, in 2008, by a landslide vote of 63% of Michigan voters, both the legislature and MI Supreme Court have decided to ignore the will of the PEOPLE.

Even if you are not from Michigan, this is your fight to! Call or email MI House members this Monday with the warning contained below. This is WAR.

And please recognize that what is happening in Michigan today will soon be coming to your state tomorrow. It is the responsibility of all activists to stand up and act this Monday and throughout the week. We demand this bill be rescinded immediately. What better proof that we no longer live in a democratic republic than when our legislature ignores the will of 63% of Michigan voters?

It is time to stand up and be counted . . . unless you would like to see your right to "grow your own" evaporate before your very eyes. Finally let me say that I think we need to organize at the state, national and international level, in order to prevail in future battles. And while I cannot fully explain my reasoning here, suffice it to say that our opponent is truly international in nature.

Your right to "grow your own" will be determined by what you do in the next 5 days.

**(5) RELATED INFORMATION AND LINKS:**

\* Here are the 3 Senators behind this betrayal. Don't forget their names or their faces:

<http://www.senatorrogerkahn.com/>

<http://www.senatorrandyrichardville.com/>

<http://www.senatorrickjones.com/contact-me/>

\* Here is a list of the 23 Senators who, by voting for SB660, betrayed the will of 63% of Michigan voters:

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Source: <http://www.michiganvotes.org/RollCall.aspx?ID=675167>

In future efforts we will need to remove each of these Senators from office.

The Last Line of Defense for the Act

Public • By Joe Cain and Cheshire Bebee's

[https://www.facebook.com/events/540372299377557/?ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular&source=1](https://www.facebook.com/events/540372299377557/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular&source=1)

The Case Against Growing Cannabis in Michigan Mines by Joe Cain

<http://cannatv.org/video/407/The-Case-Aganist-Mine-Weed>