

The Compassionate Coalition

The Compassionate Coalition is a nonprofit organization that defends the rights of medical marijuana patients and care providers. We are a grassroots coalition of patients, physicians, care providers, and concerned citizens who volunteer to defend patients' rights through education and community participation.

In 1996, California voters approved Proposition 215, which gives patients the right to use marijuana with a doctor's recommendation. Since that time, 12 other states have enacted similar medical marijuana laws. However, the Federal government refuses to acknowledge state medical marijuana laws, and continues to attack and harass patients and caregivers.

80% of Americans support medical marijuana rights (*Time*, 10/27/02), and The Compassionate Coalition channels this support to educate policy makers, media, and the public about the rights of medical marijuana patients.

In addition, The Compassionate Coalition helps build and support local chapters nation-wide, providing resources and education to defend patients on the local level. **To find your local chapter, visit us online at: www.CompassionateCoalition.org**

Defending Patients' Rights

Our volunteers defend patients' rights by:

- Educating service organizations, policy makers and the public about medical marijuana rights;
- Organizing and educating the patient community;
- Forming local chapters to help patients address community issues;
- Representing patients in city, county and state government;
- Providing legal and community support for patients and care providers in court;
- Defending physicians and care providers from unwarranted prosecution and harassment;
- Training patient advocates to speak to media and government;
- Announcing important meetings and events to media and patients;
- Providing a forum for patients, care providers and the public to openly discuss medical marijuana issues;
- Networking and coordinating with other reform organizations and patient-advocates.

How you can help:

You can help defend patients' rights today by volunteering, or making a tax-deductible donation.

Yes, I want to help!

I want to make a tax deductible contribution to The Compassionate Coalition in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____Other |

NAME

STREET ADDRESS / APT #

CITY

STATE / ZIP

(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

Please make checks payable to: The Compassionate Coalition, 1500 Oliver Road, Ste-K, P.M.B. #248, Fairfield, CA 94533-3473
EIN: 20-0985577

Donations can also be made online:
www.CompassionateCoalition.org/donate

I may be interested in volunteering. Please contact me with more information about volunteer opportunities.

Get Involved

1. Become informed on the medical and legal issues surrounding the use of medical marijuana.
2. Volunteer for medical marijuana activities by contacting The Compassionate Coalition at:

The Compassionate Coalition
(916) 709-2483
info@CompassionateCoalition.org

3. Give your financial support to organizations that work to change the laws that cause arrest, prosecution and imprisonment of medical marijuana patients and caregivers.
4. Let the people around you know what you think on the issue.
5. Write letters or phone your elected representatives to express your wishes on how he or she should be speaking and acting on your behalf.
6. Visit us online and find out how to get involved:

www.CompassionateCoalition.org

Know the Facts

"Marijuana in its natural form is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man... It would be unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for the DEA to continue to stand between those sufferers and the benefits of this substance." - *Judge, Francis L. Young, Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Drug Enforcement Administration(DEA).*

"Nausea, appetite loss, pain and anxiety all can be mitigated by marijuana." -*Federally-funded study by the Institute of Medicine, 1999.*

"Proposition 215 ... has gained significant support across all segments of California's population since voters approved it in 1996 ... 74% now favor legal protections for patients who use marijuana to cope with illnesses, compared with 56 percent who approved it on the ballot. ...support for Prop. 215 comes from all political, ideological and age groups." -*Poll of CA voters, published in the SF Chronicle, Jan 2004.*

Californians consume between \$870 million and \$ 2 billion worth of medical marijuana per year, according to a report to Oakland's Measure Z marijuana policy oversight committee. The report projects that the state could receive some \$70 million to \$120 million in sales tax revenues alone if medical marijuana was taxed legally like other herbal medicines.



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