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Various Community Leaders

Aloha Governor Ige ,

I continue my appeal to HEI President and CEO, Ms. Connie Lau. My team needs me. I need my team. The company needs all of us. I seek your help!

Hawaiian Electric labels me and 25,000 other Hawai'i residents as criminals per the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) for engaging in compassionate Medical Cannabis activity. They will not employ us and will fire any who are employed if they find out. Honolulu police won't arrest me; the FBI won't arrest me. They suggested I contact the DEA.

I spoke with officials in the Hawai'i DEA office moments ago. They won't arrest me either. The agent told me the agency generally doesn't focus resources on individual users. He suggested I contact the U.S. Attorneys office. I was unable to reach someone by phone, but submitted myself for arrest through their online tip service.

Seems nobody wants to arrest me, yet I'm unfit to continue employment with Hawaiian Electric. I'm a leper in this land. I'm considered a dangerous and deviate citizen, and there's no place for me to go. Some years ago, society considered a young Jewish man to be dangerous for his non-traditional behavior. There was no place for him in our world:

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing. [Luke 23:34]

While the U.S. government continues its mission to eliminate production and distribution of cannabis in all forms, our close friend and ally, the Jewish nation of Israel, pursues an alternative path.

While the U.S. government has and will put American citizens in prison for marijuana use and possession, the feds continue to support Israel with annual contributions in billions of taxpayer dollars for military and economic assistance. U.S. citizens are criminalized; Israel is supported.

The nation of Israel produces and distributes this Schedule I drug, which the federal government claims has high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use. The federal government believes this drug is unsafe to use, even under medical supervision.

This means Israel, as well as Canada, are rogue, terrorist nations. From a federal government perspective, the two countries work to poison human beings around the world. Yet the federal government continues our close relationship with both nations. They only punish American citizens.

Israel's cabinet approved a law to allow medical cannabis exports on January 27, 2019. The legislation licenses companies approved by the health regulator and police to export medical cannabis to countries that permit its use. The Israeli company Intercure announced plans to expand into 10 countries over the next two years to produce cannabis and meet growing demand for medical marijuana.

Benefiting from a favorable climate and expertise in medical and agricultural technologies, Israeli companies are among the world's biggest producers of medical marijuana. Finance and health ministries estimate exports could raise tax income by 1 billion shekels (\$265 million) a year.

To appease Public Security Ministry concerns over abuse, the Israeli law allows police to object to a particular company being granted a license. An expert committee will then review and rule on the application.

Pakalolo is extremely popular in the islands. Law enforcement also has more important priorities. With our favorable climate and expertise in agricultural technologies, we could raise significant public funding by taxing the production of medical cannabis.

Leaders claim we must protect our keiki from the scourge of this illicit drug. While we disagree about methods, we are unanimous in our goal of protecting our children. Sadly, our current drug policy enriches criminal producers, turns generally decent people into "illegal" actors, while our keiki are awash in mountains of marijuana.

Examples from the regulated medical cannabis market show encouraging behavior from Responsible Users, additional tax revenues for state coffers, and reduced illegal dealings, crime and violence on our streets. This helps our keiki.

Public resources could fund our financially-struggling schools, which would truly help the keiki. Money now goes to criminals. Regulated markets keep illicit substances far from our keiki.

Many leaders urge caution and restraint. They hope tomorrow will bring additional information or options. They fail to understand our streets are replete with these illicit substances today. Inaction does not help our keiki.

We have two choices: continue a failed policy that has led to the arrest and incarceration of millions, while illegal drugs are more prevalent than ever; or trust our commitment to freedom and regulated markets, as America has successfully done for some 250 years.

However we look at this situation, our failure leaves us in tears. Father, please forgive them. They know not what they are doing!

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