

Petition to request RESIGNATION from and BOYCOTT of the Michigan Municipal League

WHEREAS: In November of 2008 63% of Michigan voters approved the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA), which provides for safe access to medical marijuana by medical patients who qualify under the terms of the Act.

WHEREAS: Patient and Caregiver confidentiality is a fundamental purpose of the MMMA. Without confidentiality most patients and caregivers would not dare to participate in the MMMA program.

WHEREAS: The MMMA declares unequivocally (Section 333.26426(g)), “Possession of, or application for, a registry identification card shall not constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion, nor shall it be used to support the **search** of the person or property of the person possessing or applying for the registry identification card, or otherwise **subject the person or property of the person to inspection by any local, county, or state governmental agency**”.

WHEREAS: In conspiracy with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration the Michigan Municipal League spent taxpayer dollars to commission the creation of “White Paper: A Local Government View of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act”, by Gerald Fisher, consultant. This document was commissioned after the MML had full knowledge that the terms of the MMMA specifically preclude any local government action which violates its fundamental principle of confidentiality.

WHEREAS: The document by Mr. Fisher is a self serving, anti-democratic and Orwellian screed where he illogically opines that “glaring gaps opened by the terms of the Act” (pg. 55), mean that “local regulation” is “implicitly contemplated”. His proposed Model Ordinance for Michigan cities destroys the confidentiality guaranteed by the Michigan program – by demanding “the address **and legal description** of the precise premises” and, for “code **inspection** purposes”, “detailed specifications of all lights, equipment, and all other electrical, **plumbing**, and all other means proposed to be used”, etc. (pg. 58); all of it directly contradicting the MMMA.

WHEREAS: the MML, through Mr. Fisher, advocates that Michigan cities try to destroy the confidentiality provisions of the MMMA with full knowledge that patients and caregivers will “resist regulatory influence, and litigation will undoubtedly ensue, and thus widespread litigation appears to be in the making” (pg.48). We believe that it is unacceptable that the MML should use its influence and taxpayer dollars to demand that “activist judges” reverse the confidentiality clause in the MMMA from the bench. We believe that the MML is motivated by a grasp for increased power and revenue, not by any justifiable concerns about public safety. The MML never allowed serious input from the medical cannabis community in Michigan. Michigan municipalities may extend the terms of the MMMA, but they cannot restrict or encumber it.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The undersigned Michigan voters respectfully request that Ann Arbor and other Michigan municipalities resign from and boycott the Michigan Municipal League (MML) until such time as the MML agrees to respect the terms of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, and allows advocates for the MMMA to have representation at the table when municipal policy relating to medical marijuana is discussed.

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