

# LATE TESTIMONY

House Committee on Public Safety.  
April 2, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.  
HCR 111

I support bill HCR111 REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ENACT NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ALLOW QUALIFIED PATIENTS TO TRANSPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR PERSONAL USE WHEN TRAVELING INTERSTATE. My medical needs don't change just based on location. I don't go to another state and suddenly my symptoms disappear as I cross the state line . Access to medicine traveling should be a non issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Minar



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**Position: Strong Support with Amendment**

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Aquino, and members of the committee:

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**RC Anderson, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director / Chairman

I am Dr. RC Anderson, Executive Director of the Honolulu chapter of Americans for Safe Access and I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today on behalf of myself and hundreds of members of ASA throughout the State of Hawaii.

**Paul Minar**  
President

We strongly support this resolution, but we ask that an amendment be added to this resolution to add intrastate as well as interstate transportation of our medication and paraphernalia necessary to use out medication.

**Marvin Merritt**  
Vice President

I personally have not seen my own children in the past 2 years that I have been registered as a medical cannabis patient here in Hawaii because they live on the mainland, and I currently can not carry my medication with me to make the trip to visit with them.

**Alfonso Jimenez, M.D.**  
Medical Advisor

Last year when my father died, I was not even able to attend his funeral, again because I was not able to carry my medication with me.

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*Americans for Safe Access is the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research.*

We should never be placed in a situation where we have to choose between our family and our health and quality of life.

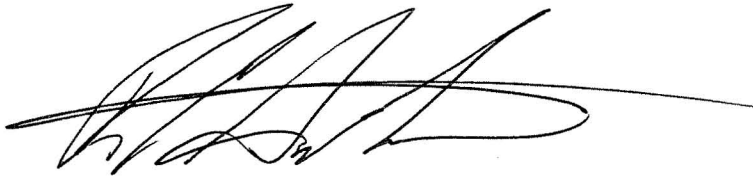
We are asking that the addition of intrastate transportation be added to this resolution, especially for our off island members who must travel continually to Oahu to receive medical treatment, and are forced to go without their medication for sometimes 3 or 4 days at a time.

Hawaii is in a unique position, unlike all of the other states, we are not able to even travel within our own state without traveling by air, especially now since the Super Ferry is no longer an option to us.

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Even traveling within our own state, we are forced to leave our medication at home, and suffer without it until we are able to return home. This is why we are asking that an amendment be made to this resolution adding the term intrastate along with interstate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RC Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RC Anderson, PhD  
Executive Director



**TO:** HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

**FROM:** PAMELA LICHTY, MPH, PRESIDENT

**HEARING DATE & TIME:** APRIL 2, 2009

**RE:** HCR 111/HR 190 REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ENACT NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ALLOW QUALIFIED PATIENTS TO TRANSPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR PERSONAL USE WHEN TRAVELING INTERSTATE – **IN SUPPORT**

The Drug Policy Action Group is in strong support of HCR 111 and HR 190.

These resolutions address a problem commonly encountered when medical marijuana patients travel from state to state. In fact it is also a serious problem when patients in Hawai'i travel between islands. This is one of many gray areas of the law impacting medical marijuana.

If 13 states have determined that qualifying patients have a bona fide right to use this medicine, they should be allowed to carry it with them when they travel. As we all are aware in Hawai'i we face a unique situation where we must travel by air to get to another state.

Developments are occurring very rapidly on this front as the Obama administration settles in. This would be a good time to make this humanitarian and logical request to Congress.

Thank you for hearing this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

*The Drug Policy Action Group is a sister organization to the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i. Since 1993 DPFH has been Hawaii's leading organization dedicated to promoting responsible, effective, and research-based drug policies.*

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