



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.

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