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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 243, Assembly Bill 266, and Senate Bill 643, establish a long-overdue comprehensive regulatory framework for the production, transportation, and sale of medical marijuana.

While many of these new standards take effect in January 1, 2018, state agencies will begin working immediately with experts and stakeholders on crafting clear guidelines, so local government, law enforcement, businesses, patients and health providers can prepare and adapt to the new regulated system.

This new structure will make sure patients have access to medical marijuana, while ensuring a robust tracking system. This sends a clear and certain signal to our federal counterparts that California is implementing robust controls not only on paper, but in practice.

Sincerely,


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