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Fellow Texan,

Thank you for contacting our Capitol office regarding marijuana legislation this session. With time, this issue becomes less partisan and more about smart policy.

Your efforts helped us make historic steps toward more sensible drug laws, as well as begin to ensure compassionate medical uses for those in need. Here's how the main issues broke down this session:

- HB 507, which would remove the threat of arrest, jail time, and a criminal record for marijuana possession, and HB 2165, which would completely legalize marijuana possession, both passed out of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Although they didn't make it to the House floor this session, passing these measures out of committee is a critical first step. I hope to see them debated fully on the House floor next session.
- SB 339, which would legalize cannabis oils to treat epilepsy and other chronic medical conditions, passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor. Although we did not achieve full access to medical marijuana, this bill is an important first step. I was proud to vote for this legislation.

I strongly believe in a sensible drug policy that looks beyond jailing Texans as a solution and embraces medical approaches that can help struggling patients and families. I am optimistic that with your help, we will see more measures like these become law soon.

Feel free to visit my website at <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/member-page/?district=50>, if you have an interest in other issues. Check out our newsletter tab where we break down many of the issues we covered this session.

Do not hesitate to contact my office at (512) 463-0821 if you ever need anything, or if you would like to receive additional updates. I serve on both the Transportation and Elections committees, and our office is always available to help you on other state issues you may need help with. Please know that my office is your office, as the Capitol belongs to the people of Texas.

Sinceramente,

Celia Israel
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