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Marijuana Policy Project Alert: Minn.
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Dear John,

Throughout MPP's efforts this session to pass S.F. 345, the Minnesota medical marijuana bill, a small but vocal contingent of Minnesota law enforcement officers have repeatedly made either entirely false or intentionally misleading claims about the bill and about medical marijuana more generally. These consistent inaccuracies, exaggerations, and outright lies had a single objective: to further marginalize and dismiss the sick and dying patients of Minnesota by duping legislators and the governor -- who has said multiple times he stands with law enforcement -- into opposing a compassionate law that would protect them from arrest for using their doctor-recommended medicine.

At a press conference this afternoon, MPP hit back.

An 18-page booklet cataloguing law enforcement's litany of mistruths -- along with the facts and proof to the contrary -- was distributed to the media and to every legislator in the Minnesota House, which is slated to hold a historic vote on the medical marijuana bill in the next few weeks. We have also produced and distributed a persuasive video compilation of law enforcement's "greatest hits." You can visit http://control.mpp.org/site/R?i=0ouz0N3cM_LoB1kgNResDA.. to view the first installment.

If you support MPP's efforts to set the record straight on medical marijuana in Minnesota, please visit <http://control.mpp.org/site/R?i=cgMVoJ7AJB4J8vZGHwR5pQ..> and donate whatever you can today. Our opposition has the ability to spread these outrageous and false claims thanks to the power, prestige, and assumed respectability granted them by their titles; we rely on the generosity of supporters like you to expose them. Would you please consider donating \$10 or more today?

Gov. Pawlenty's spokesman has said the governor "stands with law enforcement" in opposing this bill. Please also take a moment to visit http://control.mpp.org/site/R?i=DtCp_s6tl_u_Zif7-_NswQ.. to e-mail him and urge him to reconsider.

If you have already e-mailed the governor, please take a moment to call his office as well. He can be reached, toll-free, at (800) 657-3717. You can simply state that you support S.F. 345, the medical marijuana bill -- that, as a constituent, he should be standing with you.

Also, if you'd like to be more involved at this critical moment for Minnesota's medical marijuana patients, please contact Matt Witemyre, MPP's Minnesota organizer, at (612) 424-7004 or mwitemyre@mpp.org.

Thank you for supporting MPP. Please remember to forward this e-mail to your friends, family, and neighbors in Minnesota. We have never been so close to a compassionate medical marijuana law in Minnesota, but we need your help and support today!

Sincerely,

Matt Witemyre
Minnesota Organizer
Marijuana Policy Project

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