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Legislation and Regulation

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CMA Statement - Legalization of Marijuana

Dear [Government of Canada – Task Force on Marijuana],

I am writing to express the Canadian Medical Association’s (CMA) position on the legalization of marijuana. The CMA is a national professional organization representing over 60,000 physicians. We are dedicated to improving the health of all Canadians.

The CMA recognizes that marijuana is a complex issue with both health and social implications. We believe that a comprehensive approach to legalizing marijuana should include robust public health measures, education, and enforcement.

The CMA supports a public health approach to the legalization of marijuana. This includes

- Establishing clear and comprehensive legal standards
- Ensuring access to regulated and safe products
- Creating public health campaigns to inform the public about the risks and benefits of using marijuana
- Providing resources for individuals who may have substance use disorders

We are also concerned about the potential impact of marijuana legalization on youth. It is important to ensure that young people have access to accurate information about the risks of marijuana use.

The CMA recommends that the government consider the following measures:

- Implementing a robust public education campaign
- Establishing a framework for regulating the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana
- Ensuring that youth are not targeted by marketing and advertising

We believe that a well-regulated marijuana market can contribute to public health and safety. We look forward to working with you to ensure that the legalization of marijuana is done in a way that is responsible and beneficial to all Canadians.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Canadian Medical Association

[Note: This statement is an overview of the CMA’s position and does not represent all CMA members’ views.]

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