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## **Wisconsin Green Party Urges Support for Bill That Will Protect Medical Marijuana Patients, AB 892**

The Wisconsin Green Party today called for support of Assembly Bill 892, which would legally protect medical marijuana patients.

The bill would allow qualifying patients to invoke a "medical necessity defense" which would allow them to be protected from the current laws forbidding citizens to possess, grow, or purchase marijuana, or to possess marijuana paraphernalia.

"Those who have cancer, glaucoma, AIDS, and other debilitating conditions, can find great relief from marijuana," said Ruth Weill, Green Party member from Milwaukee, and Wisconsin delegate to the Green Party of the United States. "It doesn't make any sense to prohibit an available and affordable drug such as marijuana to qualified patients."

The bill requires registration of qualifying patients and their caregivers.

The platform of the Green Party of the United States states, "We oppose harassment or prosecution of anyone involved in any aspect of medicinal marijuana"....and...."We also advocate for the decriminalization of "victimless" crimes, for example, the possession of small amounts of marijuana."

"We are all for relieving suffering in such a reasonable way," said Brian Lutenecker, Co-Chair of the Four Lakes Green Party of Dane County.

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