



November 1, 2017

Attorney General Curtis T. Hill, Jr.  
Office of the Indiana Attorney General  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington St., 5th Floor  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Attorney General Curtis T. Hill, Jr.,

On behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation and our chapter in Indiana, Epilepsy Foundation Indiana, we urge you to ensure safe, reliable access to medical cannabidiol (CBD) pursuant to the recently-enacted Indiana law and the intent of the legislature. Further, we urge you to clarify the current law for law enforcement and for all Indiana residents.

The Epilepsy Foundation is the leading national voluntary health organization that speaks on behalf of at least 3.4 million Americans with epilepsy and seizures. We foster the wellbeing of children and adults affected by seizures through research programs, educational activities, advocacy, and direct services. Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions. Approximately 1 in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime. There is no “one size fits all” treatment for epilepsy, and more than one third of people living with epilepsy suffer from drug-resistant or intractable seizures. Many more live with significant side-effects, despite available treatments. This is why some people living with uncontrolled seizures turn to CBD and/or medical cannabis when other options have failed.

The Epilepsy Foundation is committed to supporting physician-directed care, and to exploring and advocating for all potential treatment options for epilepsy, including CBD and medical cannabis. People with uncontrolled seizures live with the continual risk of serious injuries and loss of life. If a patient and their health care providers feel that the potential benefits of medical cannabis outweigh the risks, then families need to have that legal option. Currently, the majority of states have enacted laws to authorize state-run medical cannabis or CBD programs. In states where medical use of CBD and/or cannabis is legal as a treatment option for epilepsy, a number of people living with epilepsy report beneficial effects, including a decrease in seizure activity.

We supported the recently-passed CBD law in Indiana and will continue to advocate with legislators for more comprehensive laws and for clear authorization of state licensed and regulated cultivation, production and dispensing of CBD. A comprehensive state regulated program is the only way to ensure meaningful, safe and reliable access to this treatment option.

The Epilepsy Foundation and our chapter in Indiana urge you to ensure safe and reliable access to CBD for people living with epilepsy. Please do not hesitate to contact Angela Ostrom, Chief Legal Officer and Vice President Public Policy at our national office at 301-918-3766 or [aostrom@efa.org](mailto:aostrom@efa.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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