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My name is Carl Olsen and I represent Iowans for Medical Marijuana.

Iowans for Medical Marijuana is the only marijuana reform organization in the United States that promotes compliance with existing federal drug law through the administrative process.

Our co-founders, Barbara Douglass and George McMahan, participated in the federal Compassionate Use program. Barbara and George received 300 marijuana cigarettes per month from the federal government, with a prescription to smoke 10 per day.

In 2010, we successfully petitioned the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to [recommend removing marijuana](#) from Schedule I. ^[1] In 2020, the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) [removed marijuana](#) from its most restrictive schedule. ^[2]

Before this board promotes any further violation of federal drug law, please focus on what matters most. Bring Iowa into compliance with federal drug law. The [board agreed](#) with this in 2019, and the [department agreed](#) with it in 2020. ^[3] ^[4]

Since that time the department has failed to submit an application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as it agreed to do in 2020. [21 C.F.R. § 1307.03](#) ^[5]

Instead, after being sued in Iowa district court, the department sent a request to the DEA asking for federal funding guarantees for schools and long term health care facilities which is not something the DEA has any control over.

Violating the law is not a message the state should be sending to the public and this board should not remain silent.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to participate, and enjoy the rest of your meeting.

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