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February 1, 2024

Mr. Scott Hardin

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

401 DFA Building

1509 West 7th Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Please accept this letter as my support for a medical marijuana dispensary in the city I represent and love. This is a great economic opportunity for the City of Jacksonville and one we should support.

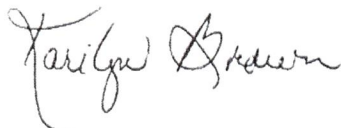
Following redistricting, House District 67 now includes a larger portion of Jacksonville. It is the town I call my hometown. It is where I graduated from high school, and my family has lived there since 1963. It is where I attend church, where I do a lot of my shopping, and where I receive medical care. In other words, I am invested in Jacksonville, and I am excited about this opportunity for the community.

The dispensary will make medical assistance more accessible for thousands of people in northern Pulaski, Lonoke, and White counties and will save them time and money traveling for treatment. With the expansion of Highway 67/167, residents of the surrounding area will be able to travel safely and efficiently. The dispensary will be located away from churches, schools, and residential neighborhoods. Indeed, it will be located on the outskirts of town near the county line liquor stores.

Not only will the dispensary be accessible to more people, but it will be a sizable asset to the City of Jacksonville. It is estimated that the dispensary will provide an additional \$200-250,000 per year in new revenue. Jacksonville's businesses should also see an increase in income from the additional purchases people will make while in the city. I see the dispensary as a positive economically for the city, for those seeking the medical treatment they need, and for businesses.

In light of all the benefits the dispensary will provide for the people I serve and to Jacksonville's economy, the medical marijuana dispensary has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karilyn Brown".

Karilyn Brown
State Representative
District 67

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