



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Violent Crime Coordinating Council

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Senator Scott Dibble
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Capitol, Room 111
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Carly Melin
515 State Office Building
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Dear Senator Dibble and Representative Melin:

The Violent Crimes Coordinating Council (VCCC) was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2010 to provide guidance related to the investigation and prosecution of drug crime. At the December 11, 2013 VCCC meeting, members voted to join with the Minnesota Law Enforcement Coalition in opposition to proposed medical marijuana legislation in the state of Minnesota.

We have reviewed and are in agreement with the following publications of Minnesota Law Enforcement Coalition:

- *General Reasons for Opposition to Proposed “Medical” Marijuana Legislation*, April 13, 2009 [Updated on July 25, 2013]
- *Specific Concerns with the Provisions of Minnesota’s Proposed “Medical” Marijuana Legislation*, April 13, 2009 [Updated on September 4, 2013]

VCCC members understand the concerns of individuals with chronic medical conditions but do not believe it is in the best interests of public safety to legalize marijuana use in any manner. Thus, we are in strong opposition to Senate File 1641 and House File 1818.

Sincerely,

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Developing an overall strategy to ameliorate the harm caused to the public by gang and drug crime within the state of Minnesota