

June 19, 2014

Chairman Tom Ammiano  
Assembly Committee of Public Safety  
1020 N Street, Suite 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1262 (Correa) – SUPPORT/SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS**

Dear Chairman Ammiano,

Americans for Safe Access (ASA), the nation's leading medical cannabis patients' advocacy organization, supports Senator Lou Correa's SB 1262. The bill will better regulate doctors who recommend medical cannabis and commercial activity in the field. Research conducted by ASA and our experience of more than ten years of local regulation show that sensible regulations preserve safe and dignified access for legal patients, while reducing crime and complaints in neighborhoods.

The addition of provisions from AB 1894 makes SB 1262 stronger. It is our hope that patients, law enforcement, local government, and other stakeholders are approaching a consensus on sensible regulations. No single legislative proposal can address the needs of all the stakeholders in a complicated field like medical cannabis. We would still like to see some important changes in this bill to best serve the needs of legal patients and others. These changes are described in detail in the attached memorandum.

ASA urges you and your colleagues on the committee to approve SB 1262 and move this process forward.

Thank you,



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Enc. Suggested Changes to SB 1262 – Assembly Public Safety  
cc. Senator Lou Correa

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