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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL  
PURPOSES**

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With the many research papers and personal testimonies outlining the effectiveness of marijuana in treating a variety of medical issues, I see no reason for it to be withheld from those it could help simply because of a draconian law.

It's easy to be dismissive, concluding that it's illegality is grounds for it to remain illegal in an endless loop of circular reasoning, but the fact remains that if this substance can help people achieve a better quality of life, there is no justification for denying them safe access to it.

To allow people who are trying to make their lives better be torn apart by negative police interaction is cruel to them and a waste of the officers time. This madness has no place in 2012.