STATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ISSUE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA THIS WEDNESDAY IN MADISON

Madison - Is My Medicine Legal YET? Founder Jacki Rickert and co-founder Gary Storck will be among supporters testifying during the public portion of an informational hearing on medical marijuana Wednesday at the State Capitol. The Wisconsin State Senate's Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation, chaired by State Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton), will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 11 AM in Room 411 South of the State Capitol. The hearing will mark the first time in more than 25 years that a state senate committee has examined this piece of the health care puzzle.

The hearing will begin with testimony from three invited guest experts on medical marijuana, George McMahon, an Iowan who since March of 1990, has been receiving a monthly prescription of 11 ounces of medical marijuana from the federal government, Illinois psychiatrist Dr. Chris Fichtner, the former head of the Mental Health for the Illinois Dept. of Health and Human Services, and Dr. David Bearman, a Santa Barbara, California physician and surgeon and Rice Lake native who began his medical career at UW-Madison in the mid 1960's. After their testimony, the public will be allowed to testify.

Is My Medicine Legal YET? is a Mondovi and Madison based grass roots patient and caregiver organization dedicated to advancing public education about the medicinal benefits of marijuana. For further information contact Jacki Rickert or Gary Storck at 608.241.8922 or visit the IMMLY website at www.immly.org.