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**TO: The Honorable Dave Jones, Chair
 Members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee**

RE: Assembly Bill 2279 (Leno) – AFSCME SUPPORT

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our support of Assembly Bill 2279, as introduced.

Assembly Bill 2279 would declare it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based solely upon the person's status as a qualified patient or primary caregiver who possesses or cultivates marijuana for personal medical purposes.

Medical marijuana possession should be handled the same as the possession of any other prescription medication possessed by an individual in California. Discrimination based upon the possession of a prescription medication should not be tolerated. AFSCME supports the effort to prohibit discrimination based upon a medical condition or a medical prescription.

Please join us in supporting Assembly Bill 2279.

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of further amendments.

Sincerely,

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 Assistant Director of Political Action, International

cc: committee consultant(s)