



The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator José Menéndez

District 26

Media Advisory:

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Senator Menéndez To File Medical Cannabis Bill Ensuring Patients Have Access to The Medicine They Need And Deserve

AUSTIN, TX — On December 6th at 10:30am, several patients, who would benefit from the legislation, will join Senator José Menéndez for a press conference after filing his comprehensive medical cannabis bill.

"Doctors, not politicians, should be determining what is best for Texas patients," said Senator Menéndez. "This is legitimate medicine that can help a of variety people, from the grandmother suffering from cancer to the veteran coping with PTSD after returning home from war."

The bill will allow patients with debilitating and chronic medical conditions to receive cannabis under recommendation and consultation of their doctor.

"Twenty-eight states have recognized the medical benefit of cannabis, including conservative states like Arkansas, Montana, and North Dakota," said Senator Menéndez. "It's time Texas steps up to the plate and provide real relief for our suffering patients."

Last session, Senator Menéndez filed the first comprehensive medical cannabis legislation in the history of Texas, Senate Bill 1839. He was also the co-author of the landmark Senate Bill 339 which allowed for limited cannabis use for people with intractable epilepsy.

Press Conference Information:

WHAT: Press Conference On Medical Cannabis Legislation

WHO: State Senator José Menéndez along with Patients and Advocates

WHEN: Tuesday, December 6th at 10:30am

WHERE: State Capitol of Texas, Senate Press Conference Room, 2E.9

STREAM: A live stream will be available the day of the press conference
<http://www.senate.texas.gov/bin/live.php>

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