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Cover Letter

South Dakota Legislature · Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

To: Chair Josephine Garcia, Vice-Chair John Carley, and Members of the Committee
Re: Written questions submitted for the October 13, 2026 record
Hearing: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 · Room 362, State Capitol, Pierre
Enclosure: Questions Submitted for the Record (26 items, three pages)

I am a Sioux Falls qualifying patient. I publish federal–state cannabis analysis at WeedPress. I have already filed written comments in the Department of Health’s Article 44:90 docket. I am submitting the enclosed twenty-six questions for the official packet and Hearing Documents of this Committee.

The questions concern implementation after the April 28, 2026 order placing qualifying state-licensed medical marijuana in Schedule III. They identify the federal noun, the South Dakota noun, and the desk that owns the crosswalk. They do not ask this Committee to adopt rules, rewrite the Controlled Substances Act, or announce that federal law has already commanded a particular amendment of chapter 34-20G.

Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee duties under SDCL § 34-20G-93 are to evaluate the program and recommend. That is the use I am requesting. Place the enclosed document in the record. Direct the questions that belong to the Department of Health, the Attorney General, and the Legislature to those desks, and ask for a dated written response where the Committee finds that useful.

I request time to address the Committee briefly and will not read the twenty-six items aloud. Five of them are the ones I will speak: the § 825(c) warning and caregiver/transfer seam; the four state certificates against the three federal activities; whether the Department has confirmed receipt of the pending tetrahydrocannabinol scheduling petition; and how the State would defend continued application of SDCL § 34-20B-11 if that statute is raised in a criminal case.

Respectfully submitted,

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