

## Cannabidoil (CBD) oil

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Sun, Jan 29, 2017 at 2:22 PM

Rep Sargent:

I read that Wisconsin is seeking to legalize possession of [cannabidoil](#) (CBD) oil and allow obtaining it from neighboring states that permit medical marijuana. What are the chances you could advocate a program that would allow Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTTC) students at the Marinette campus to grow the the high CBD strains of marijuana and turn it into CBD oil as a part of the NWTTC Herbs & Health class in a facility in Menominee, Michigan which is right on the Wisconsin/Michigan border. NWTTC's website says:

*10-090-130 HERBS & HEALTH... explore various herbs; their unique properties, role in history, medicine, food and other traditional uses. Examine growing practices, harvest, and preservation. Make organic preparations; i.e., tea, infusions, tinctures, and salves. Course Typically Offered: Fall*

<https://www.nwtc.edu/programs/fields-of-interest/agriculture-food-and-natural-resources/agribusiness-systems/sustainable-food-and-agriculture-systems> (Click on "What will I learn?")

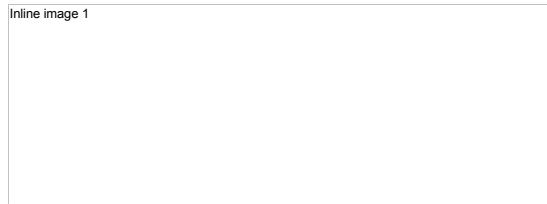
The students could then supply this oil at a reasonable price to those who need it. This would be both a community service and educational opportunity for students.

We also have Dr. Renee Richer, a Harvard trained Botanist who teaches biology and conducts research on cyanotoxins that are linked to neurodegenerative diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer's and Parkinsons at the University of Wisconsin - Marinette Campus, who might be interested in helping out with such a program. She recently gave a lecture on neurological health and water quality at the Marinette campus. See article below. The United States government has recognized CBD as being a neuroprotectant and useful in the treatment and prevention of neurodegenerative diseases in its patent on "Cannabinoids as antioxidants and neuroprotectants." See <http://patft.uspto.gov/netacgi/nph-Parser?Sect1=PTO1&Sect2=HITOFF&d=PALL&p=1&u=%2Fnetahml%2FPTO%2Fsrchnum.htm&r=1&f=G&l=50&s1=6630507.PN.&OS=PN/6630507&RS=PN/6630507>. From Dr. Richer's lecture Northeast Wisconsin has a higher rate of ALS than the rest of the State. See the attached PowerPoint she used to lecture from.

Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

William Swenson

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**Cannabidoil (CBD) oil program for NWTC and UW**

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Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 7:19 PM

William,

Thank you for your response. Representative Sargent is not only the author of the legislation to legalize marijuana in Wisconsin, but she has consistently cosponsored legislation to legalize medicinal marijuana and CBD oil in Wisconsin. As for an NWTC program in Menominee, Michigan, Representative Sargent will not have the opportunity to vote on such a program that could supplement CBD oil availability for Wisconsin residents but would occur across state lines. We will certainly continue to keep your suggestions in mind as we have important conversations about CBD oil and marijuana legalization in Wisconsin. As always, please feel free to reach out to us if you have any further questions.

Best,

Britt Cudaback

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**Subject:** Re: Cannabidoil (CBD) oil program for NWTC and UW

Britt,

Thank you for responding. Possibly you have misunderstood my e-mail. I was seeking support from Rep Sargent for a program to permit NWTC students to grow, process, and sell CBD oil in Menominee, Michigan - where medical marijuana is legal - for Wisconsin residents when Wisconsin makes it legal to possess CBD oil.

I request that you advise Rep Sargent to not waste time submitting a bill for full legalization of marijuana, and, instead, work on a bill to bring medical marijuana to Wisconsin which has greater support in the polls and a likelier chance of winning in a Republican/conservative legislature. Under the Wisconsin Constitution, Rep Sargent has a duty to pursue legislation the majority of her constituents desire. [Article 1, Section 1](#) of the Wisconsin Constitution says:

*All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*

When Wisconsin residents are deprived of adequate healthcare, their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is greatly infringed upon. In the case of the high CBD strains of marijuana which are not psychoactive and are safe and effective as medicine, the government has the duty to give its citizens the opportunity to choose it over dangerous pharmaceutical drugs that are unsafe and less effective than marijuana.

Medical marijuana is much more important than recreational marijuana. There's greater support for medical marijuana over recreational in Wisconsin and the United States as a whole. Some polls show 90 percent of the public support it. Wisconsin residents have a fundamental right to medical marijuana and this right is greater than recreational use.

The only reason medical marijuana is unavailable in Wisconsin is due to the fact that citizens of Wisconsin are not able to vote on a ballot initiative like Michigan and the other States where citizens are allowed to exercise their democratic right to vote on these types of important public issues.

I request that you submit the attached letter I sent to Senator Dave Hansen to Rep Sargent and ask her to support the program I advocate.

Thanking you in advance.

William Swenson

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On Fri, Feb 3, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Rep.Sargent <Rep.Sargent@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

William,

Thank you for sending along your suggestions. Unfortunately, while marijuana is still illegal in Wisconsin, persons and organizations may not grow marijuana, even for CBD Oil. Representative Sargent will be introducing her bill for full marijuana legalization in the next few months, and looks forward to continuing having conversations about marijuana and the many benefits it could have for our state. Thank you again for reaching out. Please don't hesitate to contact us about any issues facing the state legislature.

Best,

Britt Cudaback

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Rep Sargent:

Because the e-mail I sent you was blocked because *message size exceeds fixed limit*, I turned the e-mail into a pdf and attached it. I believe the program I suggest to you is justification for a longer than usual e-mail. Thank you.

William Swenson