

California Nurses Association

DATE: September 1995

POSITION: legal access under a physician's supervision

SUPPORTING STATEMENTS: "The California Nurses Association supports AB (Assembly Bill) 1529 which would eliminate California's prohibition against possessing marijuana or growing marijuana for individuals using marijuana for medical purposes. Many patients suffering from and receiving treatment for cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, and multiple sclerosis receive relief from using marijuana. Marijuana helps patients with nausea, vomiting and muscle spasms where other medications are not effective. Currently, these patients must break the law to use marijuana to relieve their symptoms. This measure is a compassionate alternative for patients suffering from these diseases to obtain relief."

* **REFERENCE:** letter from CNA President Kurt Laumann