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October 30, 2012

The Honorable Dustin McDaniel  
Attorney General – State of Arkansas  
**ATTN: Opinions Department**  
323 Center Street, Suite 1100  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Attorney General McDaniel:

I recently learned medical marijuana vending machines are allowed in California as a means of dispensing medical marijuana to qualifying individuals. I understand the State of Connecticut may be considering allowing the machines as well. I am writing to request your opinion concerning Issue 5, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act, and medical marijuana vending machines.

**QUESTIONS**

1. If passed by voters, will Issue 5 allow self-serve marijuana vending machines?
2. If passed by voters, will Issue 5 allow owners of medical marijuana dispensaries to place self-serve medical marijuana vending machines at locations other than at the physical address of the medical marijuana dispensary?
3. If passed by voters, does Issue 5 prohibit the General Assembly from taxing the purchase of marijuana, through either sales tax or by levying a special tax?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Hutchinson  
State Senator  
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