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Join *Florida for Care*: Your membership can push medical marijuana over the top

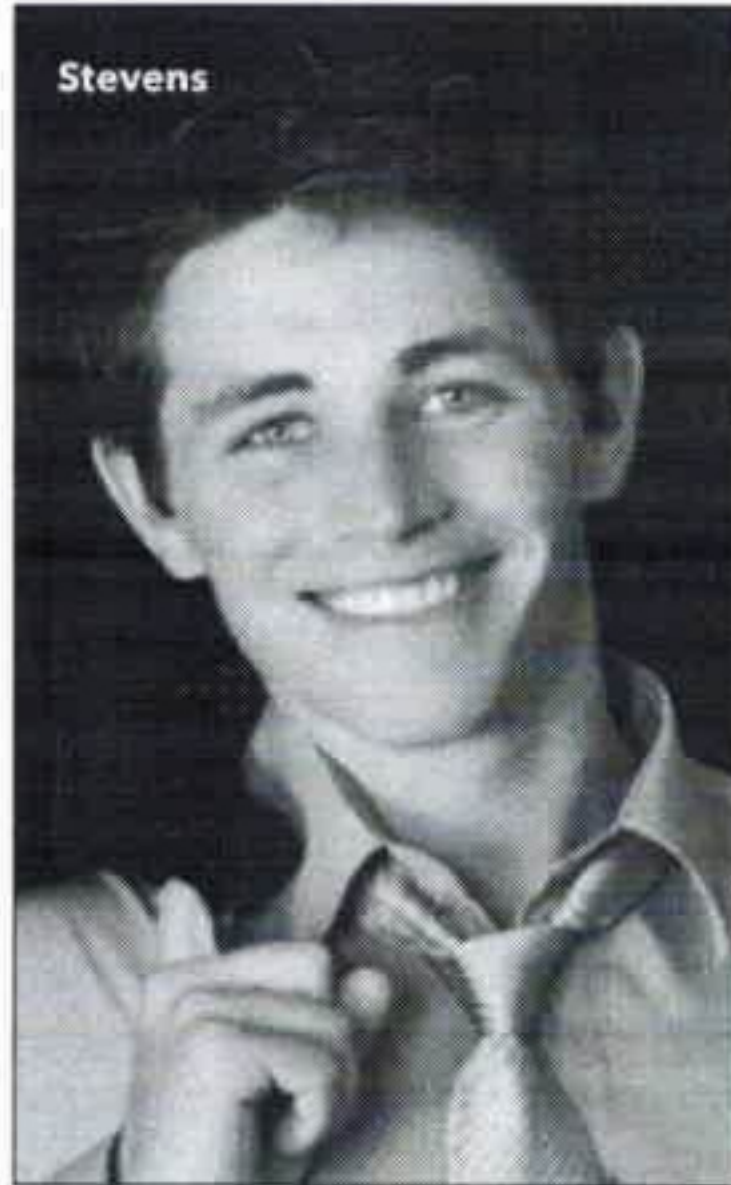
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THE TIME IS NOW FOR A SENSIBLE medical marijuana law in Florida. All of our work the past two years has put us in the position that we are in today. We now have Republicans in Florida filing substantial bills for medical marijuana in the Senate (SB 528) and in the House (HB 683).

Florida for Care was founded in 2014 to advocate for the implementation of a strong, well-regulated, medical marijuana system for the state of Florida based on the work of *United for Care*. Though Amendment 2 did not get the 60 percent needed to become part of the state Constitution, 58 percent of Floridians have spoken, and we are currently working with legislators in Tallahassee to make sure a law is passed based on what more than 3.3 million Floridians said they wanted at the ballot box.

Your participation means being represented among other responsible community leaders committed to bringing about a legitimate regulated system for medical cannabis in Florida. You will band together with everyone who has invested in bringing this to Florida. You will be joined up with the largest group of professionals in this state, and you will have the backing and voice of millions of our fellow Floridians. We will lead a unified, coordinated effort, and as one large voice, our influence will be far greater than the sum of the parts could ever be separately.

Membership with us should be a no brainer for anyone who cares about having medical marijuana in Florida anytime soon, no matter where he or she lives. You will not only stay in the know with what is happening but also meet and interact with many others who are involved with medical marijuana



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in Florida, from business to law making, and people who are actively involved in other states.

We always keep our members informed of the latest happenings via regular conference calls, email, a custom web site, newsletters, and events. See a full list of membership benefits at the end of this newsletter. But know that basic membership is available for \$1,000 a year or just \$250 down. Anyone you bring in as a member will count towards your next membership level as well, because we want everyone to bring in more members.

With your help, we can continue to bring the best experts to Florida to push this issue forward. We will go to Tallahassee with one large united voice to push these bills through. But we need you on board. ■

Eric Stevens is deputy executive director of Florida for Care.



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