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Subject: Request to the Social Economic Council to conduct a study on the benefits and economic impact of medical marijuana.

Honorable President Wescott-Williams,

In light of recent study and research, there has been extensive acknowledgment of the medical purposes of the marijuana plant. There has even been progressive legislation passed in countries like Canada, Jamaica and states like California and Colorado where not just significant tax revenues were collected but also a shift in lowering crime and lessening the amount of charges and jail time among the youth. When we take a look at the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drug and the first cannabis drug the regulatory body has approved it gives an indication of a change in mindset based of facts and economic opportunity. There are also many other islands taking this same route and going even further, they have already recognized the opportunity and preparing the necessary changes to the legislation. We don't have to be last and we still have a chance of being a forerunner in this field.

Through you Madame Chair I would like to submit a formal request to the social Economic Council to conduct a study on the benefits and economic impact that medical marijuana will have on Sint Maarten. With the focus on the following key areas:

- The effects of medical marijuana on the tourism sector
- The effects of medical marijuana on crime and addiction associated with cannabis specifically
- Viability of a CBD (Cannabidiol) vs Cannabis as an industry
- The potential economic and financial benefits of a medical CBD or Cannabis industry for the government

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in the aforementioned,

Regards,



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Member of Parliament  
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