



# Senate Democrats

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## **Weekly Democratic Radio Address:**

### **It's Time for Wisconsin to Move Forward on Medical Cannabis**

MADISON, WI – Senator Jon Erpenbach (D – West Point) offered the Democratic weekly radio highlighting legislative efforts to legalize medical cannabis.

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The audio file of this week’s address can be found here:

[http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/democrats/media/1323/senerpenbachradio\\_1920.mp3](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/democrats/media/1323/senerpenbachradio_1920.mp3)

A written transcript of the address is below:

*“Hi, this is State Senator Jon Erpenbach.*

*“On January 1, Illinois became the 11th state to legalize recreational cannabis, joining our neighboring states of Minnesota and Michigan. Whereas our neighbors have taken action to expand off the success of medical cannabis reforms – once again, Wisconsin is lagging behind, and preventing sick people from getting access to the comprehensive medical care that they need.*

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*“Close to one million Wisconsin voters in 16 different counties and two cities, spoke loudly and clearly in support of medical marijuana. With 83% of Wisconsinites in support, I am hopeful that 2020 will be the year that we can take the politics out of this process, move forward with this issue and put the people of Wisconsin first.”*

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