

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
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RE: SB 58 (Wiener) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

Millions of Californians are struggling with serious mental health challenges. Daily medications, therapy, and other coping mechanisms help some people get by — but for many, these tools aren't working.

Research from top universities shows that natural psychedelic substances can help people with treatment-resistant depression, end-of-life anxiety, and other severe mental health conditions. By enacting SB 58, California can offer hope to veterans, first responders, assault survivors, and those diagnosed with terminal illnesses. The bill updates outdated drug laws to remove the threat of criminal punishment for Californians seeking healing. Specifically, SB 58 would:

- Remove criminal penalties for the limited possession of: psilocybin, mescaline (except from peyote), and dimethyltryptamine.
- Create a working group to develop recommendations by 2025 that put California in a position to establish a program for facilitated therapeutic use in the future.

Psychedelic therapy with psilocybin shows so much promise that the FDA recently granted it a “breakthrough therapy” designation for depression, meaning that it may demonstrate substantial improvement over what’s currently available. Veterans and many others in our state are seeking out these plant-based psychedelic substances to find relief. SB 58 removes the stigma of criminalization, promotes safer use, and encourages people to seek education and information.

At a time of crisis in mental health, SB 58 offers hope by providing Californians in need the opportunity for psychedelic therapy and personal healing.

Sincerely,

[Signature (handwritten or e-signature)]

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