

# GOP Congressmen, former NFL Player and Navy SEAL to Convene Capitol Hill Press Conference on Medical Cannabis

*Press conference will feature former professional athletes, a Veteran, and families who have all benefited from medical Cannabis*

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, November 8, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- GOP Congressmen, with leading Cannabis advocacy firm The Liaison Group (TLG) and Public Affairs firm Gide, will hold a press conference to bring together a diverse set of patients who have all benefited from medical Cannabis to share their personal stories on Capitol Hill. This press event is presented in conjunction with broad bi-partisan legislative efforts to continue the protection of State-enacted, State-regulated medical Cannabis programs from federal interference.



Former NFL Star and Cannabis Advocate Kyle Turley

“Support for medicinal Cannabis has become widely accepted across the country with 46 States and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico, allowing the medical use of the plant. However, at the Federal level, Cannabis continues to be a Schedule I substance—the most restrictive classification,” said Saphira Galoob, TLG Principal. “We are holding this press event to give patients who have benefited from medicinal Cannabis a platform to speak to Congress about why Federal Cannabis policies must be updated to respect States rights, protect patients and reflect modern scientific research that demonstrates how the Cannabis plant can effectively treat a variety of medical conditions.”

“It was important for us to bring together a diverse set of individuals to show that so many people today are benefiting from medical Cannabis—Veterans, athletes, children, as well as their parents. Many Members of Congress are taking positions on medical Cannabis policies without hearing the real-world stories of how the plant is transforming some of their constituents’ lives, which is why we wanted to bring these voices directly to Capitol Hill,” said Gide Principal, Arika Pierce.

During the press event, speakers will include:

- GOP Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-FL) and Congressman Tom Garrett (R-VA) who are actively

working in Congress to reform Federal Cannabis laws, including to remove research restrictions and to protect State-enacted medical Cannabis programs from federal interference.

- Former NFL star Kyle Turley whose eight-year NFL career and over 100 concussions caused him to become reliant on pain killers which contributed to his 20-year struggle with depression, anxiety, and rage. Kyle will share his experience with medical Cannabis and how it ultimately saved his life, and now allows him to live opioid-free.

- Former Navy SEAL Nick Etten who is the Founder and Executive Director of the Veterans Cannabis Project, an organization dedicated to improving US military Veterans' quality of life through legal access to medical Cannabis.

- Nurse Holley Moseley who has over 14 years of nursing experience, specializing in pediatrics and clinical research. Her daughter suffered from daily seizures despite the use of anti-epileptic medications, special diets and an implantable device. It wasn't until she began using high-CBD cannabis oil that she found relief. As a result, Holley has become a medical Cannabis advocate and was instrumental in passing the first cannabis legislation in the state of Florida, known as "The Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014".



Former Navy SEAL and Founder of the Veteran Cannabis Project

Other speakers will include parents of children who have effectively used Cannabis to treat illnesses such as epilepsy and chronic pain, as well as other Republican Congressional Members who support efforts to advance Federal Cannabis policies that respect the robust and sophisticated State Cannabis programs that have been enacted throughout the country.

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WHEN:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 11.00 a.m. ET

WHERE:

Rayburn House Office Building (Gold Room), Room 2168

Details for the press conference are as follows:

WHAT:

A press conference calling on Congress to recognize the modern medical developments of Cannabis through first-hand patient stories from the many different faces that benefit from medicinal Cannabis—children, parents, Veterans, and

RSVP:

This event is open to the press. Media outlets who plan to attend should RSVP to Arika Pierce at [apierce@gidellc.com](mailto:apierce@gidellc.com) or 202.421.4099.

#### About TheLiaisonGroup

TheLiaisonGroup ["TLG"] is a women-owned firm that works to secure and sustain market access for responsible businesses within the botanical and Cannabis space. TLG advocates for clients who believe that an industry which values and is committed to compliance, via sound regulatory frameworks that address finance and banking needs, manufacturing and cultivation practices, and labeling, packaging, distribution and security measures, will flourish into a prosperous environment for all stakeholders.



Nurse Holly Mosley who uses cannabis to treat her daughter's epilepsy

#### About Gide

Gide is a Public Affairs firm that specializes in intersecting cannabis businesses and organizations across the vertical with government and public policy communication strategies that ultimately drive the legal growth of the industry. Through public awareness campaigns and thought leadership Gide seeks to educate a wide range of stakeholders on cannabis to ensure reasonable and informed policy decisions and outcomes.

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