

Submission – Draft Road Traffic Law (Drug Limits) Regulations 202- Darren Lappin – 16th February 2026

I am writing this to you in response to the changes that could be made to the THC threshold for medical users.

I myself have been a medical user for the last 6 years, and am very worried with this new law they wish to introduce. So are many hundreds of patients from clinics that also drive and many disabled patients that will have their independence taken away. This is indirect discrimination against medical cannabis users. The fact that no other prescription drugs have been singled out makes this apparent.

Firstly the fact that they are classing medical users in the same bracket as illegal and recreational users astounds me. Patients pay a lot of money for their medicine and care and guidance from their doctors. Which I do. My doctor doesn't instruct me not to drive. My medicine label instructs me not to drive if I feel impaired or sleepy which I do not.

If my medical cannabis has been prescribed by a specialist doctor, it should be treated like any other prescription medication under Jersey Discrimination Law 2010. This proposed new law is discriminatory against patients.

Also regular users (patients who medicate daily/ nightly) will have bloods above the 5mg threshold without actually been impaired, regardless of when they medicated. Making this limit punitive for them even though they are not impaired. The reason being, THC is fat soluble and can stay in your system for up to 3 months!! Unlike alcohol and cocaine which are water based and will leave your system the next day or two at most. Again discriminatory against patients.

Deep research indicates that this threshold is highly controversial, as research indicates it does not accurately reflect current impairment, particularly in regular users. A simple roadside impairment test would be best as many other countries around the world with medical users adopt this approach.

I completely agree about drug driving and anyone impaired should feel the full force of the law. What about all the other prescription drugs? Opiates, morphine, nerve pain drugs that turn you in to a zombie. I was on all of them for years and I couldn't and wouldn't drive on them yet this is fine?

Cannabis saved my life. It gave me my life back. My family life and general health is so much better.

This proposed new law will break that down and put me and hundreds of decent law abiding citizens into a downward spiral. Patients will have no choice to either go back to their doctors for pills that were killing them.

Or lose their job, all this will lead to more pressure on the courts and social services.

This possible change is of significant concern to me and I hope Jersey Government will take steps to amend it. I urge you to reconsider as it will have a detrimental impact on my community. I will be closely monitoring the future actions on this issue. I'm hoping you'll amend or reverse this proposed legislation to better serve the Medical Cannabis Patients of Jersey.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this serious matter.