



## **CANOPY GROWTH STEPS UP TO SUPPORT PATIENTS AND FIGHT GOVERNMENT TAXING MEDICINE**

June 13, 2018 - TORONTO - Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana (CFAMM) applaud Canopy Growth's announcement that they will be supporting patients across Canada by absorbing the government's proposed excise tax on medical cannabis.

"I am pleased to see Canopy's commitment to affordability for Canadian cannabis patients", said James O'Hara, CFAMM's President and CEO. "Canadian patients face challenges paying for their medication and the Government of Canada's proposal to tax their medicine will make it even more difficult for patients to receive the care they need and deserve. I hope other licensed producers follow Canopy's leadership and announce similar support for Canadian patients".

The Government of Canada's proposed sin tax on medical cannabis will impact patients and drive more of them to the black market. CFAMM has been advocating for the rights of patients and has recently appeared before the House Standing Committee on Finance and the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, calling on law-makers to support patients and remove the proposed sin tax on medical cannabis.

"CFAMM will continue to fight for the rights of cannabis patients across Canada. We appreciate the support of industry leaders, like Canopy, who are also standing up for patients. We see this as an excellent industry-led initiative, demonstrating the understanding and importance of making medical cannabis accessible to patients while the government considers ways to appropriately treat the taxation of medical cannabis and that is to remove all taxes on medical cannabis."

### **About Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana**

Founded in 2014, Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana (CFAMM) is a federal non-profit, patient-run organization dedicated to protecting and improving the rights of medical cannabis patients. CFAMM's goal is to enable patients to obtain fair and safe access to medical cannabis with a special focus on affordability, including private and public insurance coverage. For more information, visit [www.cfamm.ca](http://www.cfamm.ca).

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