



Psychedelic Association of Arizona

June 18, 2024

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SB 1570 Psilocybin Services; Regulation; Licensure

Dear Governor Hobbs,

As the President of The Psychedelic Association of Arizona (PAAZ), I am writing to urge you to sign into law SB 1570, a crucial piece of legislation that will significantly benefit our state by providing therapeutic and safe clinical access to psilocybin for individuals suffering from unrelenting mental health conditions.

The effectiveness and safety of psilocybin in treating mental health conditions have been demonstrated in numerous studies conducted by the world's leading institutions, such as Johns Hopkins, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, and Imperial College London. Psilocybin has shown rapid and lasting results in treating conditions such as treatment-resistant depression, bipolar II disorder, anxiety, OCD, and PTSD.

SB 1570 garnered widespread bipartisan approval during this legislative session, passing through the Senate Committee in Health and Human Services (HHS) with a unanimous 7-0 vote and securing a 24-4 vote on Third Read, with Republican Senators Kern, Hoffman, Farnsworth, and Borrelli as the only dissenting votes. Mirroring this success in the House, it proceeded through the Committee on HHS with an 8-2 vote, where Republican Representatives Parker and Pingerelli dissented before achieving a 42-16 vote on Third Read, with 28 Democrat majority.

PAAZ is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to catalyzing transformative changes within mental health care. Our foundation rests on the firm belief in pioneering impactful strategies to confront the intricate hurdles individuals encounter on their mental health treatment journey. Central to our ethos is the fervent advocacy and endorsement of integrating psychedelic therapies as a modern and efficacious method of mental health intervention. PAAZ is resolutely committed to erasing the stigma surrounding psychedelic treatments and fostering enlightened dialogues among the public, healthcare sector, and policymakers. Upholding the principles of safety, ethics, and conscientious conduct, we champion policies that guarantee access to these therapies under the auspices of unparalleled standards of care and responsibility.

PAAZ has a diverse board encompassing legal, medical, and psychological expertise, including myself, Josh Mozell, J.D., Dr. Bob Connolly, Psy.D., Chick Arnold, J.D.; Danica Patrick; Don Fowls, M.D.; Michel A. Sucher, M.D., DFASAM; Maria Baab; Jennifer Murphey, J.D.; Mesa Firefighter Dale A. Crogan; and Belinda Eriacho, founder of Kaalogii LLC.

PAAZ stands as a beacon of progressive and conscientious mental health advocacy.

PAAZ strongly advocates for providing Arizonans with access to psychedelic-assisted treatment and stands in full support of SB 1570. This bill exclusively permits the use of psilocybin within clinical settings, ensuring a controlled and effective approach to utilizing psilocybin for medical treatment. The organization firmly believes that this legislative milestone will greatly benefit qualified constituents in need of alternative mental health services.

Governor Hobbs, we urge you to advance this much needed treatment by signing this critical and historic legislation into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JM', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Josh Mozell, JD
President