

## **PATIENTS AND GUNS**

On Sept 21<sup>st</sup> the Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives sent out a letter saying that marijuana users and addicts are prohibited from owning, shipping, transporting, receiving and possessing firearms or ammunitions ... even if such use is sanctioned by State law.

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) reported at the September 6, 2011 meeting of the Advisory Committee Medical Marijuana Program (ACMM) that as of 08-30-11 there were **53,685 patients** in the OMMP.

In *only five paragraphs* the Department of Justice says that all those patients have no right to own or use a gun!

Attorney Leland Berger, Portland, OR, is challenging this issue in court, contending that medical marijuana patients are not 'illegal drug users or addicts'. There should be some development in that case by the end of October. I am seeking clarification about whether caregivers and growers could be affected by this as well. Here's a link to the complete letter and it is well worth the short read.

<http://www.nssf.org/share/PDF/ATFOpenLetter092111.pdf/>