

UNFAVORABLE on HB0317  
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Dear Delegates,

I strongly urge an UNFavorable on HB0317.

Drug addiction is NOT a disease. Cancer is a disease. Bacterial meningitis is a disease. Addiction is believing that harmful drug use is somehow tolerable, even as society crumbles around that person, that person's household and that person's state. Addiction is lack of self-control, self-control being a resource sorely lacking in Maryland.

Also, highlighting Communist Chinese-controlled and influenced organizations such as the CDC and the World Health Organization in the bill is a pathetic & ironic notion. Is it not fact that China distributes (or assists distribution of) drugs to America? Fentanyl? Opiates?

Finally, "commemorating" drug use is all too often a vehicle to introduce a litany of excuses of why self-discipline is denigrated and fleshly, harmful and abusive proclivities embraced. That's what Overdose Awareness Day would project to Marylanders.

Frankly, we need fewer state lawmakers to advertise they smoke dope, use drugs/tried drugs and yet feel no shame about sharing things N O B O D Y E V E R A S K E D them about.

Ultimately shame and guilt lead to self-reflection and to confronting these addictive tendencies, to handling lack of personal self-control issues. All have such; every one is born with a thorn. Bills like this make things worse. Maryland has fueled addiction and glamorized a drug-culture and its accompanying increases in addiction. When did concern about stigma arise and when did addiction sky-rocket? About the same time. That's how Maryland "public health experts" have handled addiction in Maryland.

I urge delegates to vote this bill down and find better solutions and better heroes in Maryland besides drug users and drug dealers.

May the faithful departed and their families find peace.

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~vince