

UNfavorable for SB0708

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Dear Committee,

I've transcribed those who opposed and gave MEDICAL TESTIMONY about the harm MARIJUANA is causing.

My interest and the reason for using caps– IT'S DAMAGING OUR YOUTH !

I highlight the link here, beginning at 3:44:49

https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Committees/Media/false?cmte=jud&clip=JUD_2_16_2021_meeting_1&ys=2021rs

I insist you watch it several times and view the LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA as well as the MEDICAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY through this testimony.

All these doctors/professionals are opposed to marijuana, marijuana use, mothers using marijuana, medical marijuana.

Maryland needs to admit it made a mistake and observe how this drug is permanently damaging youth, their brains, their engagement, their economic damage and the ADDICTION.

Dr. Karen Randall, EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN, southern Colorado

OPPOSED

"..Youth usage are using more, high potency products...last shit had 3 kids under 15 addicted suicidal ideation...she has already started selling herself to get marijuana for her addiction... has implications for their brain got it from their parent or got it from someone legally.."

Amelia Arria, PROFESSOR AT Maryland School for Public Health

OPPOSED

".....negative impact on brain function and academic achievement... based on 10 of our own published studies, 54 of which I have attached... substantially higher risk for mental health problems, addiction and blunted achievement... making cannabis has increased youth use...increases chances that they will disengage from school and other responsibilities ... cascade of social and economic losses across society... urge you to listen to science...workplace productivity..."

Dr. Christine Miller, NEUROSCIENTIST

"... marijuana increases the risk of psychosis..."

rate of use 25% higher in states where legal in states....now 55%

psychosis in 1 of 20 users....drug-induced mental illness...homelessness in states that have legalized 2 and a half times greater...increased risk of suicide.

will develop psychotic symptoms...cannot predict who...

large carbon footprint...much larger than any food grown for food."

George Spica, Former Marijuana Addict / Psychosis patient

"...health issue are still there...**PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM MARIJUANA**...affects the PREFRONTAL CORTEX of infants..."

Ragina Ali, Triple A Automotive AAA Opposes Recreational Cannabis

"...crash claims also increased in states where marijuana was legal..

250% increase in auto fatalities after legalization...dangerous ...urges unfavorable"

Aubree Adams, mother of child drug addict

"predatory profit...[Aubree now sobbing] used edibles in the 8th grade, soon after legalization, then began

self-harming..irrational, paranoid...psychotic break...attempted suicide...ER told her 'it's just marijuana'....

Dabs are designed to appeal to teens...pediatric addiction...using meth and heroin...marijuana is a gateway drug...suicide, depression and addiction....

the science proves[this is] dangerous...

[the marijuana industry sees] those users are the youth of Maryland.."

Christopher Hammond, MD, PhD, child & adolescent psychology and addiction medicine

"worked for over 10 years providing clinical...teens with addiction....direct clinical research and education programs at Johns Hopkins...unbiased scientific background...risks related to cannabis use on young people and those with mental health problems....

Marijuana is the most commonly used drug by US youth and is the main drug teen's present for teen addiction...

immediate and long-term impairment...increased suicidal thoughts and behaviors worse for earlier onset use...."

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