

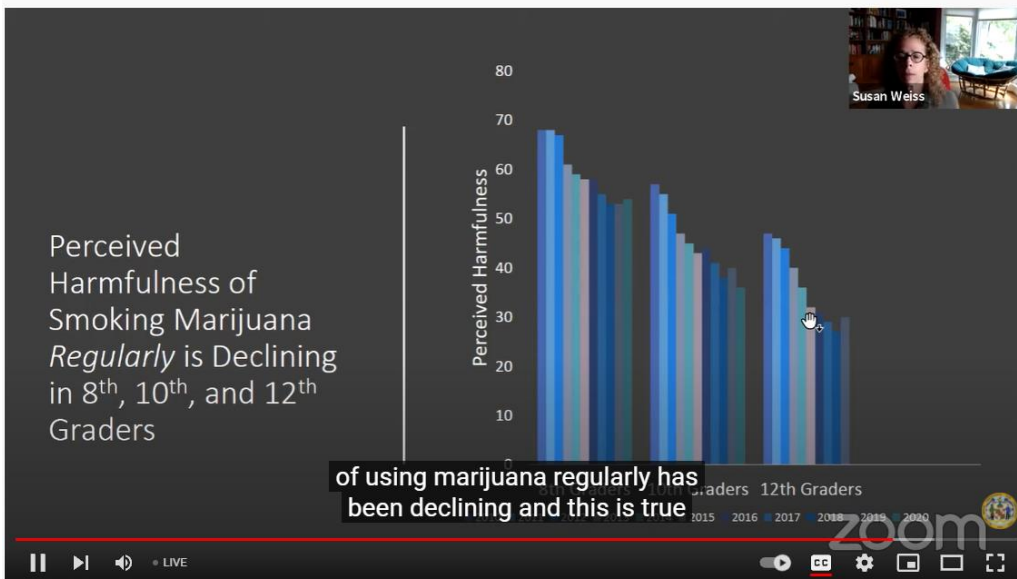
UNfavorable – HB0001 & HB0837
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Hello Senators

I urge an unfavorable for HB0001 and HB0837, which were presented as an interlinked pair in House Judiciary Testimony. I testified against those bills that day. I reminded the Committee of the numerous people in 2021 who presented neuroscience data, anecdotal describing and emergency room details about how this era's marijuana is not what Americans view as marijuana.

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In fact, in MDGA marijuana subcommittee hearings, the urgent problem of teens/young adults feeling that marijuana is largely a harmless weed (rather than a **HYPER-concentrated, artificially-modified drug delivery system**) has been unadvertised.



If you vote for these bills to go forward and do as the sponsor and his drug-promoting Vice Chair suggest, children will fail. There is a minuscule effort to research AFTER the issue of legalization has been wrought on Maryland. And we live in a serious region. Military outposts. Legislative and other governmental agencies. World-recognized and depended upon organizations. To blanket this area with marijuana smoke is to dismantle, weaken and dumb-down a primary hub and region of America.

They've given no thought to solving these problems other than that once upon a time, black men got arrested for smoking weed. That doesn't happen now. I live in Baltimore. Weed is smoked openly while walking, driving and working. There is no fact basis to these assertions that weed does anything more than keep blacks' school test scores low.

Don't do this, Finance. You can stop this and help these students. You will consign the youth to perpetual fog and underperformance if you pass these bills. You will wreck the work that educators, community activists and parents have painstakingly poured into the children.

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