

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair  
and Members of The House Judiciary Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB 0001-Constitutional Amendment-Cannabis-Adult Use and Possession- **OPPOSE**

Dear Delegate Clippinger and Members of The Committee,

There are many cons to legalization of Adult-Use Marijuana involving health and public safety, most of which are self-explanatory. Listed below are the two main reasons I urge a vote for an UNFAVORABLE report for HB0001:

- The United States has signed International Treaties that prevent us from legalizing marijuana. Three UN treaties set world-wide drug controls. As a party to this, the United States has agreed to limit the use of marijuana “exclusively to medical and scientific purposes.” Legalizing marijuana puts the United States in a position of weakness when we need to hold other nations accountable to legal agreements.
- Growing marijuana harms the environment. Cannabis plants require almost double the amount of water as other vegetation needed to grow. Using water for cannabis growth, reduces the water available for agriculture (food) and threatens wildlife species. On the other hand, legal indoor growing of marijuana requires a large amount of electricity for lighting, heating, and ventilation. This produces an amount of greenhouse gas emissions equal to that of three million cars each year. Ironically, **HB 0171- Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act, set for hearing on 2/15/2022 in the Economic Matters and Environmental and Transportation Committees,** proposes an **exponential reduction** of statewide greenhouse gas emissions, “so that after 2040, statewide greenhouse gas emissions are net negative...” **These are conflicting pieces of legislature!**

Therefore, I ask that you vote UNFAVORABLE for HB 0001-Constitutional Amendment-Cannabis- Adult Use and Possession.

Thank you for your time,

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