

SB0348 – Sen. Mike McKay

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Senators of Senate JPR,

Since the permissive effort toward legalization in my state, Maryland and particularly the Baltimore region has seen vast changes due to use of marijuana products. Increased crime. Increased robbery and carjackings. The stench of marijuana on the roads from early in the morning to very late. Large stores we all shop in reeking after only 1 or 2 individuals exhale inside a WholeFoods or a Marshalls. Drugs are everywhere. Murder in the Baltimore region is expanding beyond the City. The same has happened with carjacking, general lawlessness, & drug addiction. Where there are drugs, there is crime. Gun owners should not be able to indulge in marijuana use (“medical” or otherwise) due to the epidemic of marijuana-spurred psychosis and resulting schizophrenic diagnoses related to marijuana. Gun owners should represent a heightened standard of responsibility. They should not make themselves prone to self-induced mental illness. Gun owners should model positive, responsible behavior in front of children and the community.

“Medical marijuana” has always been a canard, a first-step in each state which has adopted legalization. To look at states which have legalized recreational use or liberalized enforcement of state/federal marijuana and drug laws is to view the uncoupling of society from reality. California, which had been deemed America’s paradise long ago, has fully degenerated into a nightmare. Maryland’s own Baltimore City is a cautionary tale to the rest of the state and the country. Weed is openly smoked on the streets by children... by 10, 12 and 14 year old children. No arrests are made, endless excuses are made for criminals. No concern is shown for Maryland’s future. We don’t need guns in the hands of self-induced drug-addicts and schizophrenics.

This Western Maryland senator has lost his way? Does he want Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties to be like the Baltimore region? Bad move!

There is virtually no peer-reviewed research regarding any positive effects of marijuana consumption on patients. “Medical marijuana” is a fraud.

As real conservative Rep. Andy Harris pointed out last year, marijuana users are struggling with marijuana addiction.

### **Chairman Harris Issues Statement In Response To Study Showing Recreational Marijuana Users Commonly Struggle With Cannabis Use Disorder**

Only a few months ago, Doctor and Congressman Andy Harris M.D., Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies highlighted the cult-like efforts Marylanders have toward marijuana use & intoxication.

The House Appropriations committee released the following statement in response to the Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open (JAMA) study showing 21% of recreational cannabis users struggle with cannabis use disorder (CUD) after cannabis became legal.

According to the National Health Institute, clinicians characterize cannabis use disorder as a problematic use of cannabis. Common symptoms include:

1. A persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cannabis use.
2. A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain cannabis, use cannabis, or recover from its effects.
3. Craving, or a strong desire or urge to use cannabis.

According to the study, recreational cannabis users experienced a more severe form of CUD.

<https://harris.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairman-harris-issues-statement-response-study-showing-recreational-marijuana> August 31, 2023

What Rep. Andy Harris, M.D. didn't point out was that these people exposed to this disorder are prone to marijuana-driven psychosis, yet may be driving children around in a marijuana-fogged vehicle, harming those children. This excellent video tape recently covers a great many issues surrounding marijuana use. <https://youtu.be/Kii94hG9jSQ&t=1010>

This psychosis is increasing are instances of drug-induced murder, suicide, violence, increased autism, higher lung damage, and intolerance/allergic reactions to marijuana smoke. roads.

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