

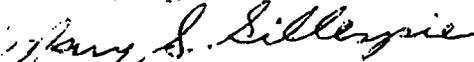
To: The Joint Committee on the Judiciary
RE: letter in opposition to HB 6715

I will make this short and to the point. It is important for you to understand that this bill, and others like it, are being promoted by a few very well-financed groups dedicated to the legalization of illicit drugs. Anyone taking the time to research the history of this issue will easily discover that the people/groups behind such efforts are nefariously using ill and suffering people for their own devious ends.

As a former school nurse, still involved in youth drug prevention efforts, I am well aware the the harm done to vulnerable youth by the disingenuous efforts of these groups to promote smoked marijuana cigaretts as "medicine' ---thus conveying to naive youth, especially those attracted to the idea of using illicit drugs, that it couldn't be harmful. Any legislator truly desirous of finding the truth about this well-financed propaganda campaign will be doing a great service to our society and our youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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