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Cannabis legalization can better our CT communities in more than one way and we need to pass this bill out of necessity. The time is now. I repeat the time is now...

Nearly All other states are debating this very topic most have already put in the works some similar bills and even implemented such a recreational program. My opinion as for the recreational model in comparison to the medical model. They both are comparable in natural element however recreational should be taxed and medical should not. There is no sense in taxing the sick.

I agree with many of the wordings of this particular bill as I believe it will create jobs opportunity and will further Public Safety. It will also allow medical patients to grow some of their own medicine.

Massachusetts has put in a similar bill but I believe this bill is written pretty well and honestly I support it with my full heart and I hope you do too because the time is now and It won't be here again because it will be to late if we do not act and legalize sooner rather than later. We will have an increase in prison population due to the Massachusetts line being shared with Connecticut which is going to be a huge problem. Connecticut will bear this burden monetarily if we do not address it. Cannabis is not a direct public health threat or a threat to the safety and well-being of the general public when used properly and managed safely. It is simply a plant, a flower if you will and hononestly It is not comparable and should not be sold by the same person Whom was dealing heroin. When it cannabis is illegal it is placed in the hands of illegal drug dealers who do not care who they sell or what they sell to people. It is far less likely for a person to try another drug if they do not even know a drug dealer. If there are simply cannabis shops and alcohol shops and simply cannabis out of the hands of the dealers who are dealing cocaine and other deadly narcotics.

It's time to Regulate cannabis for adult use and professionalize this industry for CT to better it's community . The time is now. I yield my testimony!

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