

**Testimony re: SB 487**

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To the members of the Judiciary Committee, I am writing to you today in support of Raised Bill 487. Listen, I don't feel comfortable reading from scripts and I tend to speak most passionately when I'm winging it, so don't use this as a guide for my spoken comments during this hearing since it will be completely different. But I'm obligated to submit a written document for posterity's sake, and I'll just bullet points some of the salient issues I'll likely get to during whatever ramble I end up ranting out:

- Tax revenue: money can be funneled into public schools or drug treatments, if we don't act now we will continue to fall behind. We make a stink when GE and others flee to Massachusetts, yet we're allowing them to establish a market and economic benefits for their state while we look like conservatives in progressive's clothing.
- Opioid Crisis: aside from using the tax revenue gained from marijuana legalization to respond to the myriad destruction caused by the opioid crisis, access to marijuana will, counter to the propaganda, serve as a drug that closes the gateway to more fatal narcotics such as heroin, prescription pills, and alcohol.
- Creates other economic incentivizes and revenue, fostering job growth and forging a cultural nexus that will attract more development.
- Weed is just really great, I get high every day.

Thank you,  
William Francis Moffett Jr.