

Thank you esteemed members of the board. I am here in support of bill sb 487. My name is Joseph R Toth and I have lived in Connecticut for all twenty seven of my years of life. I am here to tell you why I think that cannabis should be legalized. I personally have been using cannabis for over ten years with no ill side effects and it has kept me off of pharmaceuticals which did a poor job of treating my ADHD. You may think I'm crazy for not wanting to take pharmaceuticals, but I assure you that cannabis has kept me healthy and out of harm's way of the plethora of side effects that the FDA thinks are acceptable.

Cannabis has helped people I know with manic depression, eczema, and anxiety. Cannabis is a very helpful substance, with no ill effects, and your constituents will continue to partake whether or not you decide to make it legal. We aren't doing it out of defiance; we are doing it because it improves our lives. Cannabis improves the lives of so many people, from anxiety sufferers to cancer patients. Cannabis legalization is coming. All that's left to decide is whether we want to be leading or following.