

Dear Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I am respectfully urging you to vote no on Bill SB#1113 for several one simple reason- **PUBLIC HEALTH**. Yes everyone can come up with articles on marijuana as a “gate way drug (which it is), revenue vs cost etc.

The Marijuana plant like the tobacco plant is dried and smoked correct? If cigarette smoking is a known carcinogen and much more (ocpd etc) wouldn't marijuana smoking do pretty much the same?

Driving a car and smoking a cigarette does not impair a driver right? Marijuana smoking and driving a car would be similar to drinking and driving right? Now we have a **SAFETY ISSUE** right?

This safety issue will more then likely involve a bigger need for **law enforcement funding** right? As we have learned with alcohol, impaired drivers do tend to get into **motor vehicle accidents** right? Sometimes these accidents end in **HUMAN FATALITY** right?

With loss of life comes **law suits**. With law suits comes **Insurance hikes**.

I agree and support the legislature on releasing those imprisoned due to past marijuana convictions that merit reversal of incarceration. Unfortunately, by legalization of this drug you will be adding more inmates of all race and creed on “**impaired THC driving**” (on another note state will have a hard time controlling THC levels).

Thank you for your consideration and service to our great state.

Respectfully,

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