To: Judiciary Committee
Topic: Legalization of Marijuana

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Summary:
Unless it can be proven that legalized marijuana will improve public health, and it will reduce the drug epidemic by some means other than surrendering, in the war to save our children from drugs, and that having a stoned population will be an attraction to prospective employers, you should vote ‘no’ on this proposal. And shame on those putting us at risk, in exchange for getting their palms greased, by ‘Big Weed.’

Detail:
On Monday afternoon, March 2, at about 3:30 pm, I watched a little of the testimony regarding legalizing recreational marijuana or ‘dope,’ on the Connecticut government channel. A young African-American woman, from what town or city I am not sure, testified against state-sanctioned dope-smoking. Her rationale was that smoking marijuana will not help hers or any other community gain upward mobility, and it will not improve public health.

I am writing to say that I 100% agree with that women’s testimony. In Connecticut, we have a massive and deadly drug crisis, with much addiction and many deaths resulting from heroin, especially heroin laced with fentanyl.

So allow me to ask:

**How can legalized dope-smoking help reduce the number of people who die from heroin?**

After all, the state itself is embracing the drug culture – it seems unlikely that anyone in government can speak out with any moral authority against heroin or crack or meth, while simultaneously welcoming weed use.

**How will legalizing another substance, often smoked and specifically designed to get people high, be good for public health?** I can remember a time when the State of Connecticut did not want people to smoke – it wasn’t that long ago, either. Can you prove smoking weed is good for public health? Do you even know – or care – about the long term consequences?

**Why would any employer want to move his company to a place that deals with a massive drug problem, by legalizing drugs?**

Think about it – would a manufacturer, using skilled Connecticut labor, continually want to have to fire and replace some drug-addled stoner? Making weed legal will shrink the pool of employees capable of doing any meaningful or safety-oriented work.

**Do police have the technology, today, to detect if a driver is high on marijuana, in the field, when pulling a driver over?**

If you care at all about public health and public safety, why would you open the door to people driving stoned, without Law Enforcement have the equivalent of a breathalyzer for dope? You fools would be putting all of us at risk.

**How much did ‘Big Weed’ bribe you?**

**Would you, the Connecticut State Legislator or Senator, accept legal and moral responsibility for any and all individual and public health, behavioral, and employment problems?** You certainly have the power to stop this from happening, so you certainly will bear the responsibility for turning our home into ‘the stoner state.’

Finally,

if legalized marijuana is sold in Connecticut, in food form, such as brownies or drinks, the probability that someone will be poisoned, as a malicious prank, is very high. Are you, personally and collectively, prepared to accept responsibility that will be placed upon you, for opening that door, and the consequences it means for you, personally?

To me, the fact that we are even talking about legalizing marijuana is a sign that the leadership of our state is morally and intellectually bankrupt, and fiscal bankruptcy usually follows quickly behind. Unless you want a population of stoned people, easily led to the polls to maintain your political power, you should vote against this. If you care at all about the people of the State of Connecticut, you will oppose this. Your support for legalized dope will be proof positive that money and power are all you care about.

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