Attention Judiciary Committee Members,

As a citizen, taxpayer, and stakeholder in our state's future, I am asking you to vote YES on SB 00016.

Cannabis is a harmless plant, that unlike true drugs, does not need to be refined in order to use. It is equivalent to an herb that can aid the body, add flavor to cooking, as well as serve our community in so many other ways. This plant has been wrongfully used to wage war on the American public and it is time that this is dismantled. If the police could stop their focus on low level cannabis offenders, they could then focus on the true criminals; the drug dealers who sell our kids heroin and cocaine, the pedophiles who abuse kids, the adults who harm animals- these are the real scourges on society.

The medical program has been great, but yet people are still able to be arrested for possessing this plant. Patients are still unable to grow their own medicine- and lets face it, this is an expensive program. Doctors charge anywhere from $150-350, and then the state charges $100; other states that have introduced a recreational market are waiving the patients fee (Massachusetts). You all fear a plant. You fear that by allowing people to grow it at home the state will lose money. People can brew their own beer, that does not mean they brew something good enough to drink. People will always go buy cannabis even if they can grow it.

I am amazed that the government of CT is actively searching for ways to reduce the deficit, while simultaneously overlooking legalizing cannabis. The solution has been to spend 10 million dollars on a study for tolls; this is absurd and we all know it.

LEGALIZE CANNABIS.
LEGALIZE GROWING CANNABIS.
EXPUNGE CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CANNABIS.

STOP THE STIGMA

Sincerely,
Tiffany Pulliam
A CT Landowner and Tax Payer