

Honorable Wayne Kuipers chairman
Senate Judiciary committee
Committee members

My name is Alan Defreese; I am a potential patient of medical marijuana with many concerns about what is going on with this senate bill,

I do agree with the declassifying of marijuana and hopefully decriminalizing it, considering the propaganda about marijuana used to legislate control of this substance from 1936 to the present has been false and misleading, and positive law must be actual, real, existing in fact, not theoretical, possible or hypothetical being the mere will of the legislature

Francis Young stated in 1988 that "marijuana is the most therapeutically active substance known to man, safer than most foods we buy in the grocery store, and out of 5000 yrs. of human experience there are no documented fatalities due to the use of marijuana".

Surgeon general stated "the prior use of tobacco and nicotine addiction is a far greater predictor of illicit drug use" (the gateway).

National commission on marijuana and drug abuse: "marijuana users should not be subjected to prosecution because the harmful effects were exaggerated and without scientific foundation".

Bureau of justice statistics said, " Marijuana use does not contribute to crime, marijuana users commit crimes as infrequently as the general population, and that prohibition itself leads to the over inflation of prices which sparks the black market crimes associated to marijuana".

Nowhere in the enumerated powers of the constitution gives the government the authority to dictate or regulate the medical preferences of the Citizens.

Not to mention the governments role to control a monopoly, not create one, we all know big corporations only duck the taxes, This bill will not create jobs in the private sector by the people who care about other people, or create a product which will add to the gross national product and could potentially help eliminate the national debt and bring Michigan out of the financial turmoil that is destroying the future of our children and the state.

Don't you have a fiduciary duty and responsibility to the Citizens of Michigan to sort out the lies and do what's right for the people who elect you to represent us?, to protect the weak from the strong, to stop putting the privileges of big drug and insurance companies, over and in control of the rights of the Citizens, with Liberty and Justice or all, not just those who can afford it

Do you feel that passing, enforcing, and upholding laws which ignore and defy the laws of nature, the will of the people, and the fundamental principles of a free market society will succeed, or will they continue to enhance the moral breakdown, the extreme of violence, the stress related diseases, deaths and financial devastation of the people and this nation!

I have personally experienced the effects of the persecution, I have been placed in over crowded jails, forced to share restroom facilities with a hundred plus others, sleep on the floor, sit on cold steel and concrete, treated like an animal, then expected to pay for it, which was and is mentally, physically, psychologically, and financially devastating to me and my family, which caused much of the health issues that make work and life difficult and sometimes impossible for me. Plus a marijuana conviction on a resume wrongfully hinders my chance of even getting a job, I have seen some of the most kind hearted, hard working, family and god loving people destroyed, become violent offenders, or even suicidal, I do feel that the legislation is causing many of the problems, and with the current health care debacle I fear the intent is only to promote government control, and the financial takeover of the lives and rights of the private Citizens and the free market system which created this once great nation!

I'm sorry if this sounds like an attack, marijuana laws have been very destructive to my life, but you must know I do respect your authority being part of the mechanism set forth to defend and protect the constitution and ensure the rights and lives of the people who elect or hire you are protected, and preserved.

Thank you for any consideration of my thoughts, feelings and fears, in opposition of this bill and some of the implications it has on the people, our rights and the future of our children, state and nation.

Sincerely
Alan Defreese