

Marijuana Market Regulation: It's about kids, communities and common sense

Accountable Marijuana Sales: Why They Benefit Society

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State regulation, control, and taxation

The government would be allowed to regulate all aspects of the marijuana market, including manufacturing, distribution, and sales by authorized establishments.

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Protects our youth and communities

A legally regulated market would eliminate the out-of-control marijuana market and move it away from residential areas, schools and other locations where kids congregate. ID checks and other safeguards are implemented to ensure marijuana stays out of the hands of underage youth.

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Denies profits to criminals

Every year, the large lucrative marijuana market is exploited by criminal groups to introduce harsher drugs to the public and finance violence in our cities and along our borders. Diverting consumers to a regulated market will deny revenue to criminals.



Sales would be taxed, generating revenue for alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment and education.



Without a large population of drug dealers intent on spreading marijuana use to youth, drug education programs will be more effective and millions in law enforcement tax dollars would be freed up to focus prevention efforts on underage use.

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Marijuana market enriches criminals who grow and sell in our communities



Most of the marijuana is sold in residential areas or schools. Today, more organized crime gangs are establishing marijuana grow houses in suburban neighborhoods.

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More adolescents recruited by unregulated sellers



The marijuana market is dominated by violent gangs and unregulated sellers, who every year lure hundreds of thousands of adolescents into selling marijuana and eventually other illicit drugs.

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More of the public exposed to harsher drugs and violence



Unregulated dealers and violent gangs exploit the large marijuana market to expose consumers to other illicit drugs. Exposure to other drugs when purchasing marijuana on the black-market increases the opportunity to use other illicit drugs.



Billions in taxes go uncollected annually from the marijuana market, robbing the public of needed revenue.



Instead of monitoring a small number of regulated marijuana distributors, cities now deal with the impossible task of tracking down a large population of easily replaceable drug dealers in their residential areas and schools.



No face-to-face ID checks, on-site inspections and other safeguards to ensure marijuana stays out of the hands of underage youth. Drug dealers sell to everyone.

Every year since 1975, about 85 percent of high school seniors nationwide reported marijuana "easy to get." Source: *Monitoring the Future Survey*