

Opposition to SB135 – Legal Marijuana

SB135 - Creating the medical cannabis regulation act to regulate the cultivation, processing, distribution, sale and use of medical cannabis.

Nothing good or worthwhile will come from introducing this measure into our State, our communities and to our citizens. As a mother, daughter, sister and friend I have seen firsthand the untoward effects of drug use, especially marijuana. Lobbyists and supporters will always paint a glowing picture of the benefits, but they won't show you the devastating cost of buying into the lie.

Look at the negative impact this has had on other states who have already jumped on the band wagon; increase in traffic deaths up 42 % in California the first year of implementing 1 in 4 traffic deaths in CA and CO now attributed to marijuana verbal testimonies from law enforcement including the FBI regarding the dangers of mind altering substances the change in communities – crime, safety, increase in unwelcome traffic

That does not even speak of new and avoidable employment/workplace issues, criminal violations, mental health needs and the list goes on. This cannot be considered based solely on potential revenue or some falsely touted medical benefit. There are prescription drugs already available that contain the same chemical characteristics as marijuana. Legalizing marijuana wouldn't be for the benefit of the citizens, but for the benefit of those whom will gain monetary profit from the passage of such foolish legislation.

We have enough to deal with right now with an unstable and failing economy, increased crime, fentanyl, unemployment, soaring inflation, EDI, ESG CRT and a variety of other stressors within our communities. The right thing, the best thing for Kansas is a NO vote to SB135.

Thank you.

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