

Decriminalize marijuana. Don't Legalize it.

Marijuana and COVID-19 don't mix.

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1995 Weed



4% potency



Today's Weed



Up to 99% potency

NOT a Revenue-Generator

Senator Liz Krueger (legalization sponsor): "Is there a large amount of revenue to be expected in the early years from legalizing cannabis? No... So, the state is still looking at an enormous hole in our revenue for the next few years. And I think that **anyone who thinks marijuana is a significant silver bullet for that problem is incorrect...**" (CannabisWire, 2021)

Listen to the Scientists

According to the CDC, NIH:

- In light of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health are advising the public to refrain from marijuana use
- Marijuana use may increase risk for severe COVID-19 complications (CNN)

Social Injustice

- African Americans are arrested for pot at twice the rate as Caucasians in Colorado (CDPS, 2018)
- Less than 20% of the pot industry has minority ownership (Green Entrepreneur)
- In Colorado, there is 1 pot shop for every 42 people in communities of color (Denver Post, 2016)

Youth Use

- California had a 25% increase last year in youth using marijuana monthly last year
- Nevada saw youth monthly use of marijuana increase 17% last year
- Youth monthly use in legal states is more than 54% higher than non-legal states

(Source: NSDUH, 2020)



A Coalition of Businesses, Healthcare Professionals, Law Enforcement, and Parents to Protect New York

We believe that the health, safety, and economic harms of marijuana legalization far outweigh any perceived benefits.

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