
From: Karen Mesch <kimesch312@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:23 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Objection to repeal Marijuana

Attorney General,

I am writing this email opposing the repeal of medical Marijuana in South Dakota.

I have a friend that has a legal Marijuana card because the "weed" controls his body from having seizures. He tried quitting Marijuana only to have 8 seizures from 4:10 am to 4:30 pm and ended up calling 911 because he had a high fever also. The ICU unit at avera hospital noted on their records that because of trying to stop smoking Marijuana, it was causing his system to have withdrawal seizures. He spent the memorial weekend in ICU.

He just isn't smoking Marijuana to get high, he has medical conditions of:

Seizures
Bi-polar
Anxiety

That he has to deal with every day along with taking his prescribed medications for these illnesses. His doctor is wanting him to continue with edibles or smoking to help control the above medical conditions.

I'm sure that the dispensaries that are in business aren't in favor of this repeal either.

I hope and would like you to object to this repeal and let the legal medical Marijuana in place that is helping hundreds of people in this wonderful state.

I come from Illinois that has medical & recreational Marijuana and don't have any problems with the way they run their state. I would advise you to contact the Attorney General of Illinois for advice on this subject.

I vote for not appealing medical Marijuana for people that medically need it.

Sincerely,

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From: maureen shepherd <nanamoshep@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:28 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Cannabis

Dear Attorney General Marty Jackley,
I am asking you to please keep the medical cannabis in place.
I use it for my RA pain & anxiety. Three physicians have recommended I use it.
It truly helps & I rarely have to use narcotics for my pain.
I do not want to become dependent on narcotics.
Those of us that truly suffer real pain have found real relief!!!
Thank you,
Maureen Shepherd
Sent from my iPhone

From: Dylan <ddylan631@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:26 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Repeal of MMJ

I'm not sure what the point of democracy is if our state continuously goes against the will of the people. If 70% voted it in there shouldn't be anything else to be said about the matter. Me and many of my republican colleagues see this as political suicide. The Republican Party will never get mine or any of my colleagues vote again. This is an absolute travesty and should be criminal. I urge you to axe this proposal as it just shows that the will of the people is not a concern of our governing body. -sincerely A concerned South Dakota citizen AND taxpayer

From: Peg Coutermarsh <jeromy22896@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 7:13 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: Re: [EXT] Marijuana petition

Is there an answer?
Where do we sign?

Peg C

> On Jul 29, 2023, at 9:26 AM, Peg Coutermarsh <jeromy22896@icloud.com> wrote:
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> Where do we sign?
> Do we have to get to your office for this?
>
> Peg Coutermarsh
> 605-939-1694 (leave message)

From: Scott Chaussee <605b420@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:38 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Medical Cannabis

Why ??? It passed with 70% of voters. This is Ridiculous !!! I'll be looking for a home in Minnesota if it gets repealed. I know I know ... big deal ... but it's NOT a Threat. Beaver creek is looking really good !!!

From: Roger Graffunder <roger356653@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 8:00 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT]

What are you doing this is ridicules it helps alot of us with pain and medical purposes get real already and quit this nonsense

From: Heather Munro <munro.head40@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:20 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Initiated Measure to repeal Medical Marijuana

The voters spoke and voted FOR the program PERIOD.

Heather Munro
Sent from my iPhone

From: Jesse Wyrick <j.beezwax69@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:41 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Medical Marijuana Recriminations

In general, it is unwise and counter productive to the financial interests of South Dakota to take profitable businesses away at a time of historic inflation. Gasoline is nearly \$5.00 per gallon in our state, and the credit rating of the United States has recently been downgraded.

Moreover, it is just plain wrong to take precious freedom away from people who have already succeeded in achieving that goal. Not to mention that thousands of South Dakota residents who suffer from medical problems that marijuana alleviates would be devastated by this proposal. Many may flee the state and resettle in Minnesota.

To those who claim we should respect the federal government, I would ask them why is the federal government allowed to have cocaine in the White House?

From: Chuck M <mcchuck47@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 8:39 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Medical cannabis

We voted for this amendment and it passed by 70%. The people of our state approved, one guy you had your chance to vote. Leave the bill alone. What happened to you supporting the people and the constitution? I will be voting democrat from now on.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly Beinhorn <kellydanb@swiftel.net>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 10:33 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Keep Medical Marijuana

South Dakota voted overwhelmingly for medical marijuana. It needs to be available to your constituents.

Kelly Beinhorn
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605-690-0906
Sent from my iPhone

From: Travis Ismay <tdismay@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 4:49 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Repeal of medical marijuana ballot initiative comment

I respectfully request that the first paragraph of the explanation be removed, "In the 2020 general election, the voters approve the creation of the South Dakota medical marijuana program. By approving that program, the voters legalized the possession, use, cultivation, manufacture, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products, under certain conditions, for medical purposes." This has nothing to do with the ballot initiative itself, only the approval of the sad law 34-20g that this initiative is attempting to repealed.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Robert Prentice <bobp@mrattitudespeaks.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 5:06 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Medical Cannabis Comments

I have been greatly benefiting from SD Medical Cannabis over the last 2 years. It has saved my life. Both for sleep and now that I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Melanoma cancer I could not imagine life without Medical Cannabis. How dare anyone attempt to take my medicine away from me! Come and live in my shoes for a week or so and you would not want anyone taking away your medicine either.

Robert Prentice

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From: Travis Ismay <tdismay@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2023 9:09 AM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Repeal of medical marijuana ballot initiative comment

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Thank you for your consideration.

From: Michael Norman <michaelnmaximo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2023 4:40 PM
To: ATG Ballot Comments
Subject: [EXT] Medical Marijuana repeal - Do not approve this. Approve recreational marijuana ballots.

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of South Dakota and want whomever is reading this to not allow this measure to advance.

Medical Marijuana has a strong, scientifically proven, evidence for its benefits, and repealing the program in South Dakota will cost the taxpayers too much to justify. Regardless of personal stances on Marijuana, the fact of the matter is, this will cost money to repeal and destroy all marijuana facilities and crops.

The tension with (worthless) law enforcement and government in South Dakota is at an all time high. The 11,000 patients are registered with the state as users. Granted, some may not be users at all, as evident with fraudulent case of Fred Deutsch illegally obtaining a medical card. I fear, as a non-user, that the state will weaponize this list of registered patients to benefit the for-profit prison system and use this list as evidence of the patient usage of marijuana. Even if the state manages to avoid this catastrophe, allowing this ballot to advance and have the potential to pass will create a new black markets that will put people in harms way. It's not rocket science that doing this will cause many patients to stock up on marijuana products to continue to use it, while simultaneously creating another black market.

Second, Travis Ismay is notoriously ill-informed about rights, and comically uninformed. A video exists where he yells at a city counsel meeting, and claimed that he could do whatever he wants.

The state has more incentive to approve a recreational marijuana ballot than to repeal the medical one. Recreational economic and safety benefits are too high to ignore.

I am appalled at how long it has taken for this counsel to approve the recreational ballot. Do better.

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Attorney General

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July 29th, 2023

RE: Repealing Medical Marijuana

Dear Attorney General Marty Jackley,

I am in favor of repealing medical marijuana via a ballot initiative. Years ago when I first heard of medical marijuana, I was in favor of allowing that as an option to those who were either in a situation where they were near certain death (*Prov. 31:6*) or to those who were in very serious pain, both of them as an alternative to legal prescribed drugs that also have side effects.

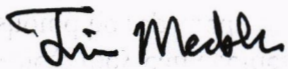
However, the simple fact that an article interviewing business owners regarding this proposed ballot initiative, where they state that there are over 80k in South Dakota who 'need' this is enough information to cite evidence that what was considered an alternative to a select few has become nearly 10% of our state's population. I certainly hope that 10% of our state's population is not in such a predicament, though I know that is not the case.

The case is that medical suddenly becomes anyone who can claim easily unproven or unmerited circumstances to a medical doctor who is in favor of writing medical marijuana cards to those who desire them. I know from people first hand, those who chose to use drugs, whether the state or culture pretends that they are harmless or not (I grew up 35+ years ago a DARE graduate), that anyone who wants a marijuana card can get one.

(While the people of South Dakota may very well vote to continue allowing medical marijuana to be legal, the simple fact is the moral choice should be placed before the citizens, who now have clear evidence of the aftermath where they can decide, before their Creator, whether or not this is a measure that should continue to be law or if it should be repealed.

Simply looking to other states, where even harder drugs are becoming decriminalized shows the degradation of society. I myself stand against medical marijuana in its current form. Truly, if such a need was an option, it should only be that for those who have been diagnosed with terminal cancer or those who are already prescribed pain-killers that are regulated by the DEA.

Sincerely,



Tim Medsker
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Attorney General

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Re; Repeal South Dakota's Medical Marijuana Program

Mr's Jackley and Ismay,

I would like to sign the initiated measure petition to repeal South Dakota's Medical Marijuana Program so please add my name to that list and/or let me know how I can add my signature to this important petition to save our families and rid SD'ans of this dangerous gateway drug.

Thank you,

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