

## **UNFAVORABLE on SB 784**

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In testimony in the House Judiciary, the issue of walking drug stores has popped up regarding this flawed bill. The bill aims to make an amount of drugs that would kill any child a non-prosecutable offense.

For those reading this testimony, let the sponsor know that they don't personally have to make the arrest when a small amount of life-taking drugs is found – we have police to do this. I put that in testimony because it seems the sponsors feel like they have to be troubled with making the arrests, discerning which pill is which, which drug is which, etc.

The sponsors don't have to do that. The lawmakers only have to make sure that children, and the community and our schools are safe.

Safe for normal folks; not safe for drug dealers and miscreants plying children with drugs.

I recall who kept bringing this bill in the House – Delegate Morhaim. He would later be censured by the entire House (138 votes). Drugs make people unreasonable.

Regarding legalization and liberalization of drug laws, a teenager once-addicted to marijuana said this

“I was never a religious or spiritual person, but I started realizing people have a soul.

And I realized I lost mine to marijuana.

This is a REAL thing; people don't talk about it oftentimes.

This is silently affected a lot of youth...this legislation is going to create a lot more cases like mine...."

Jordan Davidson, former marijuana addict

Testimony in House Judiciary.

This bill wants these same children visiting the emergency rooms from marijuana, going into REHAB for marijuana, selling themselves for dope in prostitution to ALSO be able to obtain & escape undeterred by the law

when the substances are drugs known to routinely be contaminated with dangerous filler/cut. Escape undeterred holding up to 40 tabs of LSD. As little as 10 can lead to permanent brain damage and re-wiring. As little as 4 tabs has been known to cause people to jump off buildings to their death.

Legalization of a drug which intoxicates and alters perception of mental and physical faculties works to destroy society. It lessens the heights to which mankind can achieve. This teenager's testimony mirrored that of others giving testimony in House Judiciary in 2021. There, emergency room doctors, neuroscientists, parents of child-addicts and others gave testimony of suicide attempts, addiction, prostitution to be around people who smoke drugs, as well as car accidents and deaths.

A Colorado mom discussed leaving her area because the smoke & smell was “everywhere we go”. She complained about predatory profiting on marijuana edibles in used by 8th graders. About dabs causing emergency room visits and suicide attempts. About how children she saw graduating from marijuana as a gateway drug to other drugs such as “meth”.

Legalization opens a Pandora's Box which will cost humans much in pain and death. Other locations such as Canada and Colorado are amid this pain and are backtracking their legalization laws.

Legalization is said to eliminate all types of issues from backpain to black market drugs to taxes to reducing arrests.

Each of these arguments have been up-ended by the facts after legalization/liberalization of drug laws. In California and Oregon, there are rampant illicit markets. It's gotten so bad the Governor of Oregon has declared state of emergency. Sin taxes never pay off; we found that with the gambling taxes which were supposed to pay off school funding.

The Speaker and others are using the words Black Agenda in connection with – what – engineering & jobless rates?

No, DRUGS and VIOLENT CRIME.

Thirty years of living in Baltimore City tells me you talk to agendaists and opportunists, not real people, if you're someone who equates blacks with drug use. Blacks hate the crime that riddles their neighborhoods due to (primarily fatherlessness and) declining morals, endemic among drug users.

So many people talk about “black and brown” being represented by drug use. Or arrests from drugs. If this is what people tell you blacks and Hispanics discuss as needs, try speaking to people who have jobs and are ardently trying to raise & protect their children in a world you lawmakers have brought about where 8 year olds end up in REHAB in Baltimore City. EIGHT!

There's been no “war on drugs” because if there WAS a war, the fighters of that war wouldn't tolerate teens in Drug REHAB.

Year after year because people get arrested – and honestly folks, if you get arrested for smoking dope in Baltimore you don't have 2 brain cells to rub together – teens smoke dope in the open outside my downtown offices – who are not productive citizens striving to produce. They're striving to mistreat their personal issues with constant intoxication.

You're not thinking of children when you bring these bills. Kids will taunt others with a “legal” substance – I place in quotes because it is Federally-declared as an ILLEGAL substance – and children who would otherwise avoid the temptation will give in due to peer pressure.

Our students and our children deserve better than this bill.

And – as this isn't the first time each of you has advocated for this bill – for real, for real.

Our children will pay the price.