

SB 1009 Senator Feldman

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Task Force on Responsible (LOL) Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances

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Senators of Finance,

Bills such as Senator Feldman's SB1009 are irresponsible. It is important for people who hold your seats to have insights deeper than the general public. The common drug user cares not about societal concerns – they hear that more drugs are being made available through Annapolis flawed legislation and simply want access to drugs. You may have heard America is going through unparalleled levels of drug addiction. Your bills should only be dealing with stopping all flows of drugs. The burden you accepted means to work for the people, in spite of their baser unrepentant choices. Yet Annapolis works more like shop owners to the kids in drug candy stores. What kind of beings are you that you all keep pushing drugs?

Marijuana has been unleashed on Maryland for less than a year. Lawlessness, crime, worst ever child and adult suicide rates, unending addiction, endless social decay/coarseness proliferate in Maryland. Sheriffs testify to the crime, violent group aggression and problems detailed by ongoing complaints by businesses around dope dispensaries.

Since the permissive effort toward legalization in my state, Maryland (and particularly the Baltimore region) has seen horrible changes due to use of marijuana products. Increased crime. Increased robbery and carjackings. The stench of marijuana on the roads from early in the morning to very late. Large stores we all shop in reeking after only 1 or 2 individuals exhale inside a WholeFoods or a Marshall's.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/06/health/marijuana-traffic-accidents-wellness/index.html>

Are you delegates not reading the harm drug have caused society in just the past 5 years? You should be stopping harm, not trying to find more ways for the dope industry to profit off of harming Marylanders. Marijuana is now THE number one drug of addiction in America. It is the number TWO cause of deaths on highways. This notion of "medical use" (much less the misnomer "responsible use") for psychedelic drugs is in direct defiance of the U.S. Constitution and federal supremacy on such matters.

These are Schedule I drugs, having no proven medical benefits. You are paid to be the gatekeepers against industry preying on Marylanders.

Chairman Andy Harris Issues Statement In Response To Study Showing Recreational Marijuana Users Commonly Struggle With Cannabis Use Disorder August 31, 2023 Washington, D.C.

Congressman Andy Harris M.D. (MD-01), Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies released the following statement in response to the Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open (JAMA) study showing 21% of recreational cannabis users struggle with cannabis use disorder (CUD) after cannabis became legal. According to the National Health Institute, clinicians characterize cannabis use disorder as a problematic use of cannabis. Common symptoms include: 1. A persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or

control cannabis use. 2. A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain cannabis, use cannabis, or recover from its effects. 3. Craving, or a strong desire or urge to use cannabis. According to the study, recreational cannabis users experienced a more severe form of CUD whereas the disorder was still <https://harris.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairman-harris-issues-statement-responsestudyshowing-recreational-marijuana>
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0001457519310267>

Public Stench, Foul Behavior

In public, this stench serves as indicators of the products where vaping and smoking marijuana blunts occurs. Unlike decades ago, this stench is often near children now. The widespread use of psychedelics places children inside vehicles on the road at perilous risk. The health hazards which children experience would be of particular concern for most responsible adults. In addition to the short- and long-term physical, moral, mental and social harm being imposed on children – on MERE CHILDREN – where psychedelics are used, this exposure of psychedelics and extremely high-potency THC products means that children are being herded into unsafe environments.

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And now to expand to another drug or drugs which will make people unsafe even walking across the street, operating any equipment, or being near children?!?

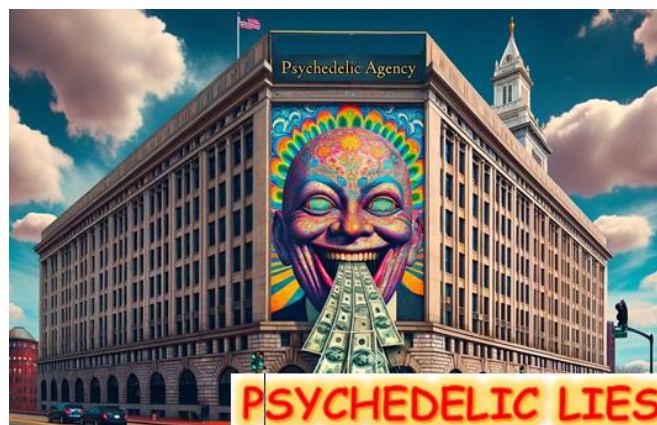
This is a joke.

This attraction to recreationally killing braincells, increasing the risk of mental illness and psychedelic/marijuana psychosis gives both secular and non-secular reasons to ban using drugs, not find excuses to allow their use. The use of marijuana brings self-damage and damage of children's lives due to drug use.

Think of the stories of people who end up in Emergency Rooms due to psychedelic drug use, including extreme THC marijuana products. Are they stress-free? Are they effectively battling anxiety? No. They're worse.

These are the horrible outcomes for use of LSD

It can also trigger panic attacks, psychotic episodes, disturbing anxiety, paranoia, pain, and a feeling of dying or going insane.



Drug / Pharmaceutical Bribery Coercing Lawmakers

So who's perpetuating these lies without valid medical/psychological data to support such flawed claims about any benefit to these hallucinogens? The psychedelic industry. You

Senators have a responsibility which you shrugged off when it came to SB516(2023). Don't you think it's about time your consciences caught up with responsible-acting to allay this evil of drug use/ drug experimentation/ drug marketing in Maryland? I do. Families who've ever had someone end up in the E.R. from these poisons feel the same way.

The Catechism Condemns Drug Use for Recreational Purposes

The Catechism categorically condemns recreational drug use as sinful and harmful to the individual, noting: "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life..." The Catechism's pronouncement condemning recreational drug use, calls it "a scourge", and proclaiming that there is "no room for illicit drugs, for alcohol abuse, [or] other forms of addiction ". It further points out how drug addiction is "a new form of slavery", and those who abuse drugs have "lost their freedom." There are serious, suicide-inducing, harmful side effects from psychedelic and marijuana use, especially on young users. It is also prohibited by federal law. The Church unequivocally condemns the use of drugs (including marijuana) for purely recreational purposes. Stop endorsing drugs for Marylanders.

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