

A Resolution in Opposition to Proposal One

Michigan's Law of Unintended Consequences

A resolution offered urging the rejection of a statewide ballot initiative, Proposal One, to legalize for medical purposes the use of marijuana.

WHEREAS, Marijuana is a dangerous narcotic, whose use is illegal under state and federal law; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of such a proposal will lead to unintended and dangerous consequences for Michigan and its kids; and,

WHEREAS, Medical experts warn there is no health benefit to smoking, smoking in a public place or taking a drug without a prescription from a doctor; and,

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officials warn that Proposal One could lead to a dangerous increase in the access to and use of marijuana among young people and the general population, that its legalization increases violent crime, and that a deliberate loophole permits a “medical marijuana” defense against criminal charges in court; and,

WHEREAS, Concerned parents warn of the potential of smoking clubs and pot shops opening in neighborhoods throughout the state, as has happened under California’s similar law, potentially putting marijuana in the hands of school children; and,

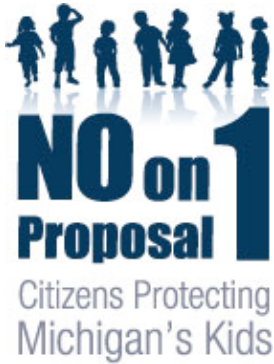
WHEREAS, Taxpayers warn of a costly new bureaucracy to license marijuana users, that will result in vast new regulatory expenses at a time when Michigan’s economy is struggling, the state budget is in the red; and,

WHEREAS, A decade ago, voters in California approved a proposal to legalize so-called “medical” marijuana, and today, even the proposal’s most vocal supporters admit the California law has resulted in “chaos,” “pot dealers in storefronts” and millions of dollars being dumped “into the criminal black market;” and,

WHEREAS, Michigan’s Proposal One is a law of unintended and dangerous consequences,

RESOLVED, That on this day, Citizens for Traditional Values joins with the more than 20 medical, law enforcement, parental and taxpayer groups in saying “NO” to Proposal One.

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There is a proposal on the November ballot you need to know about. Supporters say that it allows for the “medical” use of marijuana. But the proposal is filled with **loopholes, errors and unintended consequences**. That’s why Michigan medical professionals, law enforcement officials and parents and taxpayers are uniting to say **“No” to Proposal 1**.

Doctors and hospitals warn...

...that Proposal 1 allows the so-called “medical” use of marijuana without requiring a prescription from a doctor.

...that a flaw in Proposal 1 might lead to a flood of lawsuits over things such as whether doctors and hospitals must allow patients to smoke marijuana in a doctor’s office or hospital room, despite every other law banning smoking.

Proposal 1 is opposed by:

- X** Michigan State Medical Society
- X** Michigan Osteopathic Assoc.

Law enforcement officials warn...

...that Proposal 1 could lead to a dangerous increase in the number of people driving under the influence of marijuana.

...that a deliberate loophole in Proposal 1 allows anyone arrested on any offense involving marijuana to offer a “medical” defense in court.

Proposal 1 is opposed by:

- X** MI Sheriffs’ Association
- X** MI Deputy Sheriffs’ Assoc.
- X** Prosecuting Attorneys’ Assoc.
- X** MI Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
- X** MI Fraternal Order of Police

Worried parents warn...

...that when a similar law passed in California, hundreds of marijuana smoking clubs opened in neighborhood strip malls all over the state, and there are now more marijuana clubs in one metropolitan area of the state than there are Starbucks coffee shops.

Proposal 1 is opposed by:

- X** Michigan Family Forum
- X** Citizens for Traditional Values
- X** Drug Free Schools Coalition

Taxpayers warn...

...that the language of the proposal requires a costly new Lansing bureaucracy to license marijuana users, and will result in vast new regulatory expenses – all coming at a time when the economy is on the rocks, the budget is in the red and taxes are going up.

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What are people saying about the “medical marijuana” proposal that passed in California?

Since Proposition 215 passed, high school statistics show an increase in smoking marijuana or an increase in having access to marijuana—a diversion from medical marijuana.

**Butte County District Attorney
Mike Ramsey**

California employees can't be fired just because they use medical marijuana, according to a bill that has passed the Legislature.

**San Francisco Chronicle, August 29,
2008**

"We don't know how many clubs there are in the city. Some have licenses, some don't.... I've heard some anecdotal evidence that it may be the best business in the city to be in. That's not what I think the voters intended under Prop. 215."

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome

"Proposition 215 was filled with flaws. It has allowed for widespread abuse." He says some dispensaries have made millions of dollars and are linked to cartels.

Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer

"In North Hollywood alone, there are more pot clinics than Starbucks."

**Pasadena Star-News, January 21,
2007**

"What we set out to do was put something in the statutes that said medicine was a defense in case they got arrested using marijuana for medical reasons. What we got was a whole different thing, a big new industry.

"A lot of what we have now is basically pot dealers in storefronts."

**Rev. Scott Imler, organizer of effort to
adopt Prop. 215.**

"There's a lot of evidence that medical marijuana dispensaries are not operating according to the intent of what the Compassionate Use Act is all about. It's a racket, is what it is."

**Arcadia Police Chief, Robert
Sanderson,**

**Don't let people say this about Michigan next.
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Members of Citizens Protecting Michigan's Kids include:

Michigan State Medical Society
Michigan Health and Hospital Association
Michigan Osteopathic Association
Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan
Michigan Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Michigan Fraternal Order of Police
West Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Citizens for Traditional Values
Michigan Family Forum
Drug-Free Schools Coalition
National Drug-Free Workplace Alliance
Drug Prevention Network of the Americas
International Scientific and Medical Forum on Drug Abuse
Institute on Global Drug Policy
International Task Force on Strategic Drug Policy
Students Taking Action Not Drugs (S.T.A.N.D.)
Drug Free America Foundation
Save Our Society From Drugs (S.O.S.)
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Drug-Free Workplace Network, Jerome L. Houfek, President
Drug-Free Projects Coalition, Inc. Elizabeth Edwards, Managing Director
The Student Drug-Testing Coalition, Chairman Malcolm K. Beyer, Jr.
NJ Federation for Drug-Free Communities, Geraldine Silverman, Treasurer
Michigan Prevention Association
PREVCO (Prevention Coalition of Southeast Michigan)

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