



Cost Benefit Analysis of Marijuana Legalization

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Introduction

CannAbility was founded to provide support, resources, education and access to cannabis for parents of children living with illness or disability.

Presentation Overview:

- Patients Matter
- Benefits of Legalization
- Caregiver Model
- Underserved Medical Community
- Potency/THC Limits
- Solutions





Why This Matters to Me

Marijuana saves lives. Patients matter.

Safety matters. Our community matters.

- My son, Jack Splitt, Medical Marijuana patient.
- Started Cannabis Medicine regimen in July 2014.
- Removed From School Due to MMJ Patch 2015.
- Passed Jack's Amendment in 2015 to allow MMJ in school.
- Passed Jack's Law 2016 ~ HB16-1373 requiring schools to adopt a policy to allow medically fragile children to access their cannabis medicine at school.



We have a responsibility to Jack and countless others whose lives depend on marijuana medicine.

Benefits of Legalization



- Life-saving Medicine
- Variety of products
- Dosable medicine
- Safe marketplace



- Recreation
- Medical
- Caregiver
- Dispensary
- Innovation and Industry



- Marijuana is medicine
- Mainstream discussion
- Cannabinoid research
- Platform for learning appropriate dosing/ consumption
- Engaged community on benefits and risks of consumption





Caregiver Model

- Plant counts determined by physician based on medical need and delivery method (flower, concentrate/oil, etc).
- Option for high plant counts necessary in order to manufacture large quantities of oil (concentrate), compensate for plant size variance, maintain strain variety and ensure sustainability of grow.
- Medical dispensaries provide variety of products, but business model falls short for chronic patients needing high quantities of oil. Not cost effective for producing or purchasing.
- Law enforcement needs tools to protect patients/caregivers and penalize criminal activity.

Underserved Medical Community

- Medical Users Unable to Get a Medical Recommendation:
 - Military Veterans
 - PTSD
 - Anxiety
 - Autism
 - Mental Disorders
 - Depression



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Access only through recreational models



Potency / THC Limits Not the Answer

- State government should not be in the business of determining medical dosing.
- Patients need appropriate quantity of recommended medicine to treat disease.
- Patients cannot afford to buy more medicine or consume larger quantities in order to get the THC and other cannabinoids needed for effective relief of symptoms.
- Limiting THC does not address the core issue of overconsumption; novice users need to understand different forms and potency of consumption methods.
- Enforceability raises many questions and concerns.
How? Time? Cost?



Solutions



- Access to testing of medical marijuana in all delivery models to ensure access to safe, clean, dosable medicine.
- Develop a regulatory infrastructure to legitimize and protect caregivers while providing a tool for law enforcement to ensure community safety and maintain patient access to medicine.
- Create public awareness campaign (possibly through retail point of sale) to educate consumers on dosage, potency and method of consumption which protects children, patients and novice users.
- When drafting MMJ policy, ensure stakeholder input is comprised of relevant experts (patients, caregivers, growers, MMJ scientists, business owners, law enforcement, educators, doctors/nurses, advocates, regulatory agencies, etc).

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