

## American Academy of Pediatrics Urges Pregnant and Nursing Mothers to Avoid Marijuana Use

In response to growing evidence that more pregnant and breastfeeding women are using marijuana and concerns about the potential risks to developing fetuses and infants, the American Academy of Pediatrics (A.A.P.) released a **recommendation recently that women avoid the drug altogether when they are pregnant or breast-feeding.**

"We applaud the American Academy of Pediatrics' decision to shed light on the dangerous implications of marijuana use during pregnancy. This sends a clear message to the Big Marijuana industry that **the scientific community and others will not fall for the blatant falsehoods and misinformation used to suggest that marijuana is safe.**

"As research grows and the painful lessons are being learned from states that have legalized marijuana, more and more are moving to reject pot. Lawmakers in Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire have said no to legalization and commercialization bills so far this year..."

Oped in CalMatters: One Last Drink for the Road?

SAM's Will Jones Debates Author of Bill to Legalize Marijuana in Illinois

"One last drink for the road," once a widely-used phrase, is thankfully out of vogue now, as we have learned the painful lessons of drinking and driving.

And though science has shown that another intoxicant - marijuana - should be added to the list of no-nos while driving, not everyone has gotten the message. State

At an event in Chicago, SAM's Outreach Associate Will Jones debated Illinois State Senator Heather Steans on the merits of marijuana legalization. Senator Steans is the author of the bill to legalize the drug in the state.

Controller Betty Yee and her husband were unfortunate victims of California's lax attitude toward pot.

Will raised serious concerns over the impact legalization would have on communities of color:

They were rear-ended on July 13 by a driver who allegedly was high on marijuana. Although everyone survived, this incident brings into focus the facts of marijuana-impaired driving.

"The closest store to my house is a liquor store. The next closest stores are convenience stores so plastered over with signs for cigarettes and beer that you can't see inside," Jones said.

**A recent study out of Washington state found that almost 17 percent of marijuana users admit to using the substance every day. More than half of daily users aged 15 to 20 believe marijuana made them better drivers. Science says otherwise...**

"Maybe you heard we should regulate marijuana like liquor. And perhaps if you live in another neighborhood that's not mine, that might sound like a good idea."

### **New Study on Marijuana Use by Children Uses Data From Before Legalization**

The Healthy Kids California Survey purported to find that teen use of marijuana in California was down in recent years. Pro-marijuana talking heads were quick to pronounce that this supported their claims that legalization does not lead to increased youth use of the drug.

"The reality is the majority of the data presented in this study were collected at a time when recreational marijuana use was not legal, let alone retail sales (which did not begin in limited locations until the first of this year).

"The report itself states: 'Data on important correlates of [substance] use, perceived harm, availability, and personal, peer, and parental disapproval of use, were mixed.' This means the raw data doesn't back up the spin from the pot industry."

*Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana:*  
New Book Co-Edited by Dr. Kevin Sabet Available Now

Hot off the presses of Oxford University, Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana is now [available for purchase](#).

This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining to marijuana.

The volume features a comprehensive review of research into marijuana's impact on public health, including how it affects cognitive and neurological functioning, its medical effects, suggested treatment approaches for marijuana use disorders, marijuana smoking and lung function, and marijuana-impaired driving.

Supplies are limited, so **place your order today!**

## **MARIJUANA: PREVENTING ANOTHER BIG TOBACCO MEDIA CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE**

Big Marijuana is borrowing the playbook of Big Tobacco in search of the same deep profits at the expense of addicted users. It is time to combat their game with the facts! To help you do so, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) has partnered with Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) to offer a comprehensive media campaign prevention toolkit.

**As always, thank you for being a SAM supporter. If you can, please chip-in with a small donation by clicking here.**

**If you can't chip-in, then at the very least, please click here to share this with a friend and help grow the SAM community.**

**In Health,**

**Colton Grace  
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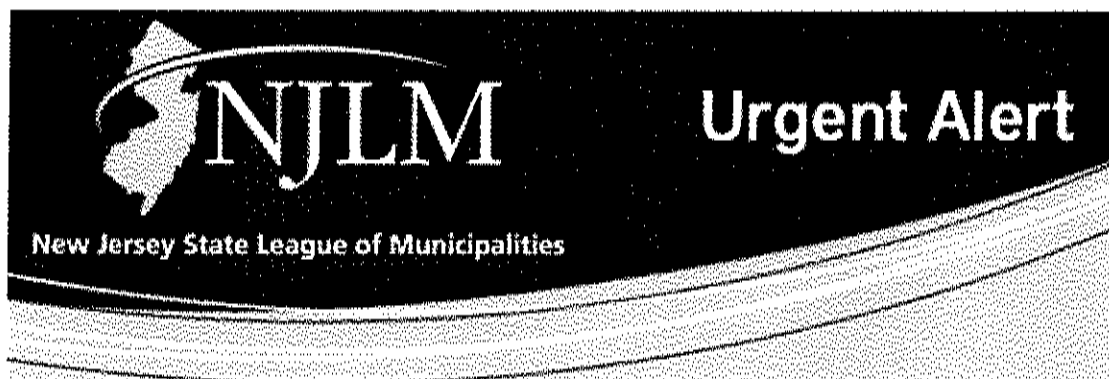
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September 12, 2018

**Urgent Alert: Cannabis/Marijuana Legalization and the Local Option Tax**

As you are aware, Governor Murphy identified the legalization of the adult use of marijuana as a top priority for his Administration. Senate President Sweeney also supports this and has publicly indicated that there is sufficient support in the Senate to advance enabling legislation and Speaker Coughlin recently stated that he supports legalization. With the State's three leaders all on record in support, it is virtually certain that legalization will be realized in the near future. Significant issues remain, however and there is some disagreement over the form of such a bill, though it is expected that a bill will head to the Governor this fall.

While a number of bills have been introduced, a consensus bill has not yet been introduced. We note that every bill and concept proposed for discussion includes an "opt-out" provision for municipalities, meaning marijuana would be legalized in all municipalities unless a municipality takes affirmative action to opt-out. Further, recent press reports

indicate a consensus among legislative sponsors, though it does not reference agreement of the Murphy Administration, on a number of provisions, including:

- a local option tax of up to 2% to be retained by the host municipality;
- The creation of 5-member commission to oversee marijuana regulations, permitting and an enforcement division. The Governor would appoint three members and the Legislature would appoint the remaining two.
- Automatic eligibility for those convicted of marijuana possession for criminal record expungement; individuals would still need to go through a process for expungement.

Other press accounts and word of mouth indicate that a bill to expand the State's medical marijuana program would move concurrently with an adult, recreational use bill.

Additionally, it is generally reported that a total tax on the industry would be about 25%, not including any local option tax. It is also likely that there will be four distinct types of licenses: 1) growth/cultivation; 2) manufacturing; 3) transportation/distribution and, 4) retail. It is our understanding that home grown products will not be authorized. We expect that a municipality will have the option to opt-out of any or all of the 4 license types.

The League reached out to partners such as the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association (NJUMA) and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors (NJCM) and met with the prime Senate sponsor, Senator Nick Scutari in early August.

The League, NJUMA and NJCM followed up with the Senator with comments and recommendations. In our correspondence, we stated that all three organizations are generally supportive of the expansion of medical marijuana and decriminalization, but are not prepared to support the current legislative proposals for the legalization of recreational marijuana. But if such a bill advances there should be provisions that support and protect the interest of New Jersey's municipalities. In doing so, we offered a number of recommendations, including:

- Any legislation authorize municipalities to implement a local excise tax of up to 5% on any or all of the four proposed licenses;
- Licensees should be required, as a condition of the license, to enter into a host benefit agreement with the municipality. This would be similar to the model used in Massachusetts;
- There should be a mechanism in place to verify that the revenues collected as a result of a local excise tax are being returned appropriately to the host municipality;
- Licensees should also be subject to any local license or mercantile fees, as would be the case with any other business.

Of revenues collected by the state, we further suggest the following:

- portions of this funding be dedicated for specific purposes to assistant local law and health enforcement and public safety, including funding for Drug Recognition Experts (DREs); and,
- the development of a statewide DUI protocol.

As noted above, the Legislative sponsors, according to press reports, are in agreement on a 2% local option tax. A municipality which chooses to opt-in should be assured that revenues will offset the costs of enforcement. Otherwise other taxpayers in the community will subsidize the industry. Based on our discussions with Mayors and with our fellow Leagues in states that have legalized marijuana, it is our belief that 2% is insufficient to offset costs and is an incentive for municipalities to opt-out. Enforcement will fall almost entirely on municipal governments, which will need to absorb costs associated with law and code enforcement, health services, education and social services.

**We urge you to contact your Legislators and ask that if they support legalization, to also support an up-to 5% local option tax.**

**Please take immediate action** and talk to your Legislators on this issue now and let

them know how you feel. There are issues apparent in any legislation that would legalize the recreational use of marijuana that would impact all municipalities regardless of whether you would opt-in or opt-out. So no matter your position on the issue, please advise your Legislators of the concerns and recommendations covered in this correspondence. In particular, it is critical to communicate that the suggested 2% option tax is insufficient and should be changed so that municipalities can choose to implement an up to 5% fee.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact League Assistant Executive Director Mike Cerra at either [mcerra@njslom.org](mailto:mcerra@njslom.org) or 609-695-3481 x120.

Thank you,

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# September: Celebrate National Recovery Month with the SAM Toolkit!

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## **SEPTEMBER: CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH WITH SAM AND THE SAM TOOLKIT!**

September is National Recovery Month. We at SAM celebrate this month with the whole country. It is a time to remind everyone that marijuana use disorder is real, and recovery happens.

SAM is proud to release this toolkit to help in your work.

### **Some key facts to share on social media:**

- Big Pharma is eyeing marijuana- The former CEO of the drug company behind OxyContin is now a co-founder of a medical marijuana company based in Canada.
- Pot use is exploding- A recent study finds college-age people are using marijuana more now than in the last 30 years.
- Invisible addicts are everywhere- The Atlantic reported that the drug is becoming so commonplace and so abused the reporter of the story said: "users lost jobs, lost marriages, lost houses, lost money, lost time...foreclosures and divorces... weight gain and mental-health problems."

### **Stories of recovery to share:**

#MyTruth: Justin Luke Riley

Here is an inspirational blog post written by Justin Luke Riley, who heads up the Marijuana Accountability Coalition: <https://learnaboutsam.org/national-recover...ustin-luke-riley/>

**Sample tweets:**

- Marijuana addiction is real. Let's put public health over profit. <https://bit.ly/1Rwn6FN>
- More kids are in treatment for pot today than all drugs combined. #TheMoreYouKnow #PeopleBeforeProfit
- As we celebrate recovery month, a reminder that pot addiction is real. <https://bit.ly/2nU46MG>
- For recovery month, a reminder that pot addiction often accompanies psychiatric disorders. <https://bit.ly/2oIqAHn>

**Sample Facebook post:**

- As we celebrate National Recovery Month, let us not ignore the fact that marijuana addiction is real. More youth today are in recovery for marijuana than all other drugs combined. It is time to put public health over the profits of the next Big Tobacco. <https://bit.ly/2nU46MG>

**One-Pagers:**

- [Marijuana and opioid abuse](#)
- [Marijuana and drugged driving](#)
- [Marijuana and cost to society](#)
- [Marijuana and the workforce](#)

**Sample materials/templates for media outreach:**

- [Letter to the Editor on legalizing marijuana](#)
- [Blog post on marijuana addiction](#)
- [Op-ed on drugged driving](#)

Today's genetically bred weed is nothing like the days of Woodstock. In many cases, pot is made up of more than 99 percent THC, the compound that makes the user high.

Big Pot is employing the playbook of Big Tobacco- the last addiction-for-profit industry we had to contend with. The use of gummies, candies, and sodas colorfully

packaged attracts youth, while dispensaries are set up in low-income neighborhoods in an effort to lure unsuspecting populations.

The message they send is that marijuana is safe, fun, and harmless. Millions of people in recovery know that isn't true.

Please use the above information to promote the message that marijuana use is on the rise, and recovery is possible with the right tools.

### **About SAM**

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) is a nonpartisan, non-profit alliance of physicians, policy makers, prevention workers, treatment and recovery professionals, scientists, and other concerned citizens opposed to marijuana legalization who want health and scientific evidence to guide marijuana policies. SAM has affiliates in more than 30 states. For more information about marijuana use and its effects, visit <http://www.learnaboutsam.org>.

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# Can I ask a favor?

Pat Brogan <reply@learnaboutsam.org>

Tue 9/4/2018 9:16 AM

to Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

Below is an email from the *Wall Street Journal* that was sent to me and I wanted to forward it along to you. The WSJ is conducting a survey asking folks to answer a few questions and share what they find most dividing in their life and in their state at the moment.

A fellow supporter sent this to me saying that he "used this opportunity to share (his) thoughts on the massive wave of THC Industry pressure many of us are fighting."

The WSJ would like to hear from as many people as possible on any topic but this is a great opportunity for all of us to share our frustration with how fast the industry is advancing into our states and into our lives.

The link to the survey is in the email below, but you can also [access it by clicking here](#).

Thank you for all that you do,

Pat Brogan  
Vice President of Communications  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana

Dear Pat,

We have a special survey for you from the WSJ editorial staff on the political and cultural divide in the U.S. Be part of the story and tell our journalists your thoughts on this intriguing topic by [clicking here](#).

Please note, this survey will take place on a different survey platform than the one you are used to, as this survey is hosted by the WSJ editorial staff. Also, at the end of the questionnaire, you will be asked if you are willing to be contacted by a WSJ reporter to discuss your answers further.

Sincerely,  
The WSJ Opinion Leaders Team

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# FW: Weekly Round-Up

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**August 31, 2018**

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**Municipal Clerks:** Please forward to Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

A traditionally quiet week in Trenton turned in to a busy one, after the Senate and Assembly had a rare late August voting session on Monday. The session was held to approve the Governor's conditional veto of S-2293 (School Bonding), ahead of the deadline for having the bond question appear on the November ballot. By having the voting session, the Legislature also triggered a deadline for the Governor to act on legislation already on his desk and as a result, Governor Murphy took action on over 30 bills before the voting sessions. Later in the week, Attorney General Grewal issued guidance on municipal marijuana prosecutions. Recognizing that today begins Labor Day weekend, this recap will be brief. Next week we will provide a more detailed recap of this week's events.

# **I. State Issues**

## **a. Governor Vetoes Bag Fee Bill**

On Monday, Governor Murphy vetoed A-3267/S-2600. This bill would have placed a \$0.05 fee on single-use carryout bags provided by certain types of stores to customers. The League opposed the bill, which, if signed as is, would have preempted local legislation on this matter.

In his veto message to the Legislature, the Governor commended Legislators for their attention to environmental problems caused by single-use bags. He noted that those problems could have serious economic consequences, due to the impact on tourism and public water and sewer infrastructure.

The Governor noted:

As a society, we must break our dependence on single-use bags when going about our daily routines and instead commit ourselves to sustainable alternatives. Our responsibilities as stewards of the environment and our natural resources demand nothing less. I am committed to taking bold but necessary steps in order to protect our environment and firmly believe that we must look forward and implement programs designed for the future.

His message to the Legislature stated:

Instituting a five-cent fee on single-use bags that only applies to certain retailers does not go far enough to address the problems created by overreliance on plastic bags and other single-use carryout bags. In order to make a real difference, a single-use bag program must be devised and applied more broadly and consistently in a manner that would avoid loopholes that undermine the ultimate purpose of the program.

The veto message concludes with the Governor's promise '... to work collaboratively with my legislative colleagues to craft more concrete solutions to this issue.'

We intend to see to it that the concerns of municipal officials will continue to be heard on this issue. And we will keep you posted.

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## **b. Attorney General Issue Marijuana Prosecution Guidance**

On Wednesday, NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal issued a Memorandum of Guidance regarding "Municipal Prosecutors' Discretion in Prosecuting Marijuana and Other Criminal Offenses."

The Memorandum prohibits municipal prosecutors from adopting a policy that would have the categorical effect of marijuana decriminalization. However, the AG noted that municipal prosecutors have authority to recommend amending or dismissing a complaint and emphasized that prosecutors should exercise this discretion for marijuana offenses when the interest of justice requires it.

For more information, please see the League's daily update from August 30, 2018.

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### **c. New Law Permits Special Assessments and Bond Issuances to**

#### **Replace Lead Contaminated Water Service Lines**

On August 24, Governor Murphy signed into law [A-4120/S-2695](#), which authorizes municipalities to levy special assessments, and issue bonds, to replace certain lead-contaminated water service lines. However, all projects under this new law must be (a) undertaken as an environmental infrastructure project and (b) funded either by loans from the [New Jersey Infrastructure Bank](#) or New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. For more on P.L. 2018, c. 114, which took effect on August 24, 2018 please see our [recent blog post](#).

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### **d. Attorney Fees for Workers' Compensation Awards**

Governor Murphy signed into law [S-2145](#), which concerns attorney fees for workers' compensation awards. Specifically, P.L. 2018, c. 105 requires that if a workers' compensation petitioner has received compensation from an insurance company prior to any judgment or award, the reasonable allowance for attorney fees will be based upon the amount of compensation received by the petitioner prior to any judgment, but after the establishment of an attorney-client relationship, by written agreement, and the amount of the judgment or award in excess of the amount of compensation already received by the petitioner. This new law took effect on August 24, 2018.

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### **e. Governor Conditionally Vetoes Three Temporary Disability/Family Leave Bills**

On August 27, Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed [A-2762](#), [A-4118](#), and [S-844](#) all of which address various aspects of the temporary disability and family leave insurance systems. For more please see our recent [blog post](#).

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### **f. Department of Agriculture Requests Municipal Assistance to Inform**

#### **Residents of Invasive Pest**

As we reported in [January](#) and [May](#) the [Spotted Lanternfly](#), *Lycorma delicatula* poses a threat to forests, ornamental trees, orchards, vegetables, grapes, hops and other agricultural commodities. Since its initial discovery in Pennsylvania it has spread to infest portions of 13 counties of that state, recently it has been discovered in New Jersey in Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has recently enacted a state quarantine in these counties to restrict the movement of this insect to un-infested areas of the state.

The Department is asking affected municipalities in the [Quarantined Counties](#) to put on their websites Spotted Lanternfly information, including a [checklist for residents living in quarantine areas](#). This will help inform their residents and workers about this insect and what they can do to prevent accidental movement of this insect. Sightings of this insect can be made to [SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov](mailto:SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov) or by calling the New Jersey Spotted

Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUG0) and leave a message detailing sighting and contact information.

For additional information or questions please contact Joe Zoltowski, Director, Division of Plant Industry, NJDA, at [Joseph.Zoltowski@ag.nj.gov](mailto:Joseph.Zoltowski@ag.nj.gov) or 609-406-6940.

## **II. Federal Issue**

### **a. US Senate Moves Major Appropriations Bill**

Last Thursday, in Washington, on an 85-7 vote, the Senate approved its third "minibus" package of appropriations bills. The bill would authorize spending for the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, Labor and Education, during the Federal government's upcoming (FY 2019) fiscal year. That year will begin on October 1, 2018.

With Thursday's vote, the Senate has now passed nine of the 12 appropriations bills needed to fund the government past September 30. The \$854 billion Labor-HHS-Defense-Education bill alone accounts for roughly 60 percent of the 2019 appropriations bills. The House of Representatives has completed work on all of their appropriations measures.

The Labor-HHS bill is largely good news for municipalities, with an increase in funding towards fighting opioid abuse, an increase in funding targeted at apprenticeship training programs, as well as a slight increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The bill also provides level funding for important programs previously suggested for elimination by the President's FY19 budget proposal, including the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the LIHEAP program.

Hoping to avoid an eleventh-hour rush to pass a continuing resolution at the end of next month, or a government shutdown just weeks before the midterm elections, the Senate and House will still need to reconcile the differences between their respective appropriations bills. Eleven working days remain on the calendar, before the end of the fiscal year on September 30. While there have been threats of a shutdown by the President, the Senate has been hard at work to prevent this from occurring. It is expected that there will likely be a continuing resolution for the three remaining spending bills, including the Homeland Security bill that will be the focus of debates over funding for immigration reform including a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

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## **III. League Conference**

### **a. Unauthorized Hospitality Functions**

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual League Conference will soon be upon us and we know you are looking forward to a productive and educational week.

Numerous exhibitors and groups have scheduled receptions and hospitality functions during the evening hours in Atlantic City. However each year there are a few commercial entities that schedule hospitality function such as brunches and lunches which conflict with the Conference programming. These unauthorized functions should not be confused with legitimate business luncheon sponsored by our affiliated associations and their members. The League urges you not to attend daytime hospitality functions offered by commercial firms.

Instead, plan your daytime activities so you can derive the greatest educational benefit from attending the League Conference. Education sessions begin at 9:00 AM, break at noon, resume at 2:00 and finally adjourn at 5:15.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the annual conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

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## **b. Exhibits at the Annual Conference**

Do you know a vendor that would be a good fit for the Annual Conference? If so, ask them about being an exhibitor or have them contact Kristin Lawrence, Exhibit Manager at 609-695-3481 x125 or [klawrence@njslom.org](mailto:klawrence@njslom.org). Information is also available on [our website](#).

## **IV. Also of Interest**

### **a. The League is Now Accepting Applications for the Innovation in Governance Program!**

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up – either suddenly or over time – in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from even arising.

[Visit our awards page](#) to see previous years of impressive ideas created by our winning municipalities as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program.

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### **b. Attorney General 21/21 Community Policing Project**

The Attorney General has [asked the 21 County Prosecutors](#) to organize quarterly public events to discuss issues relevant to community policing in the 21st century (the "21/21 Community Policing Project"). The goal of the project is to strengthen relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve – and to address areas of concern before conflicts arise. Starting in spring 2018, each of the County Prosecutors will be responsible for organizing one meeting each on the following topics:

- **Spring 2018** (Apr-Jun) – Investigations of Officer-Involved Shootings
- **Summer 2018** (Jun-Aug) – Opioids
- **Fall 2018** (Sep-Nov) – Immigration Enforcement
- **Winter 2018-19** (Dec-Feb) – Bias Crimes

The events will include presentations and/or discussions on the quarterly topic. For a listing of scheduled public events contact [your county prosecutor](#) or visit the [21/21 Community Policing Project site](#).

## **c. Application for 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards**

### **Available**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is accepting applications for the 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. Since the awards program was established in 2000, 170 winners have been recognized. Nominations can be submitted for seven different categories. In addition, the category for "Environmental Education" has been divided into two awards: one for adult-led educational initiatives and one for projects that are student-led or have succeeded due to a high level of student involvement.

The GEEA Program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Award winners will be honored at a ceremony in December, to be held in Trenton. The 2018 application and other awards information is available at [the DEP website](#). Completed applications must be received at DEP by October 5.

**Questions – Contact** Tanya Oznowich at DEP (609) 984-9802 or [Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov).



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American Academy of Pediatrics sheds light on the dangerous implications of marijuana use during pregnancy.

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## **American Academy of Pediatrics Urges Pregnant and Nursing Mothers to Avoid Marijuana Use**

(Alexandria, VA) - In response to growing evidence that more pregnant and breastfeeding women are using marijuana and concerns about the potential risks to developing fetuses and infants,, the American Academy of Pediatrics (A.A.P.) released a recommendation this week that women avoid the drug altogether when they are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) president, Dr. Kevin Sabet, released the following statement:

"We applaud the American Academy of Pediatrics' decision to shed light on the dangerous implications of marijuana use during pregnancy. This sends a clear message to the Big Marijuana industry that the scientific community and others will not fall for the blatant falsehoods and misinformation used to suggest that marijuana is safe.

"Based on the research, we know that marijuana use in utero can lead to a whole host of issues ranging from low birth weight to developmental problems. Even worse, marijuana use during pregnancy has been linked to a rare, fatal developmental disorder known as anencephaly.

"Marijuana can have incredibly deleterious effects on young minds and it is absolutely shameful, though not surprising, that the industry would push its wares and pseudo-science on young mothers.

"It was recently reported that nearly 70% of dispensaries in Colorado were recommending high potency THC products to expectant mothers to "treat" symptoms of morning sickness. This is especially concerning given these dispensaries are not staffed with medical staff and are not able to give accurate medical advice.

"As research grows and the painful lessons are being learned from states that have legalized marijuana, more and more are moving to reject pot. Lawmakers in Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire have said no to legalization and commercialization bills so far this year."

A recent study published by the journal Pediatrics found that THC, the psychoactive compound found in marijuana, was detectable in 63 percent of samples of breastmilk collected from women who claimed to have used the drug prior to pumping.

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## About SAM

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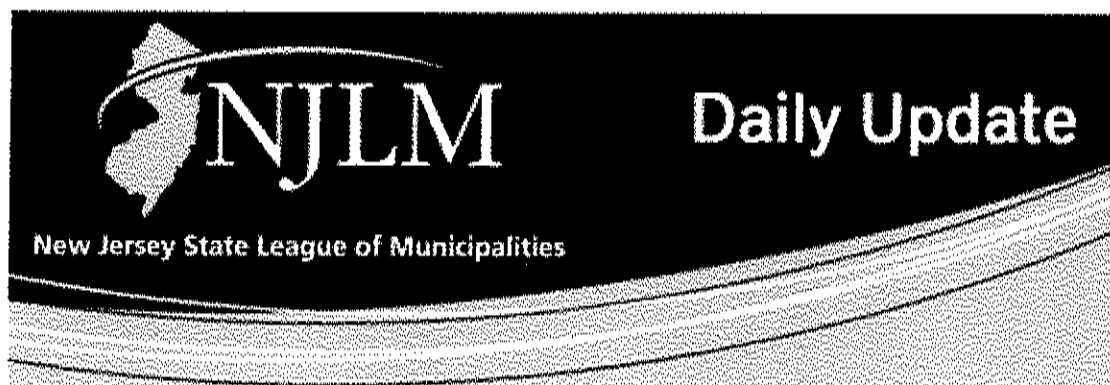
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## **I. Attorney General Issues Guidance to Prosecutors on Municipal Marijuana Prosecutions.**

On Wednesday, NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal issued a [Memorandum of Guidance](#) regarding "Municipal Prosecutors' Discretion in Prosecuting Marijuana and Other Criminal Offenses."

Addressing the question of whether municipal prosecutors can implement a categorical policy of "marijuana decriminalization," AG Grewal clearly states, "The adoption of such a

policy or practice would be an abuse of discretion and is therefore prohibited.”

Regarding the exercise of prosecutorial discretion, during the process of prosecution, the memorandum states that, “... prosecutors must be mindful of the need to consider the particular facts and applicable law in each individual case; to justify their decisions to the courts; to make a record that permits review for arbitrariness or discrimination; and to adhere to applicable rules of professional conduct.”

Citing the Legislature’s power to enact, amend or repeal State law, the need for uniform enforcement throughout the State, and pertinent Case Law, the AG states, “Municipal prosecutors therefore have discretion in appropriate cases to recommend that the court accept a plea to a lesser or other offense, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-11, to move to amend an original charge, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-5(c); N.J.S.A. 2B:25-12, and to request dismissal of a charge, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-5(c). In exercising their discretion, municipal prosecutors must adhere: to constitutional, statutory, and ethical restrictions; to rules, guidance, and decisional law adopted by the Judiciary; and to supervisory instructions of the County Prosecutor and the Attorney General.”

AG Grewal stressed that when making the determination on whether to recommend amending or dismissing a complaint, municipal prosecutors should consider the, “impact of adverse collateral consequences of a conviction based on the specific circumstances or factors presented by the defendant or elicited by the court.” The AG then goes on to list certain circumstances that should be considered, such as; the age of the defendant, the nature and circumstance of the offense and arrest, and adverse employment, immigration, or educational consequences, along other social justice concerns.

Finally, AG Grewal notes the availability of diversionary treatment option, which municipal prosecutors are free to recommend. He goes on to note that cases arising in different jurisdictions can, at the defendant’s request, be consolidated, in order to allow the defendant to qualify for such programs.

Annette DePalma, President of the New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association and Maplewood Municipal Prosecutor, served on the working group, which the Attorney General convened to assist in the development of these guidelines.

The full [text of the memorandum](#) is found on line at the Attorney General’s website under OAG News.

**Contact:** Frank Marshall, Esq., League Staff Attorney, [FMarshall@njslom.org](mailto:FMarshall@njslom.org), 609-695-3481 x137.

## **II. Energy Project Grants Available**

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce it has once again partnered with the Gardinier Environmental Fund to offer grants to municipalities and school districts for energy-related projects focused on conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy. This cycle will award: two (2) \$30,000 grants and nine (9) \$10,000 grants.

**Applications are due** Wednesday, October 31 at 11:59pm. An informational webinar will be held Monday, September 10, from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

For more information, including the link to register for the webinar, please visit [the DEP website](#).

All questions can be directed to Kaitlyn Vollmer at [grants@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:grants@sustainablejersey.com), 609-771-3189.



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We must do more...

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Wed 8/29/2018 9:23 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

Because of the hard work of diligent supporters such as yourself, the SAM family has been able to push back the efforts of the pot industry in states across the country this year.

So far this year, legalization and commercialization attempts have failed due to the perseverance of SAM affiliates and partners in Illinois, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Delaware, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island.

In Rhode Island, our partners have been extremely successful in fighting back Big Marijuana's attempt to expand into the state. Their tireless efforts have resulted in legalization bills being defeated in the General Assembly every year for the last seven years. Last year, they defeated attempts to divert funds meant for regulation of the state's medical marijuana program to the general fund.

Additionally, they have defeated numerous attempts to expand the number of marijuana dispensaries and have succeeded in establishing local control over pot-related zoning ordinances in towns and cities. When the state was rushing to

legalize pot, our partners were able to orchestrate the creation of a bi-partisan group to study the potential impacts of legalization on the state.

But even with our successes this year and in years past, we simply must do more.

Big Marijuana is determined to do whatever it takes to shove its reckless and dangerous agenda down our throats, but as detailed above, legalization is not a forgone conclusion.

We can't all leave our jobs to dedicate our lives to advocacy like I did and like others are so graciously doing, but we can pick up the phone and call our elected officials and let them know we will not stand quietly on the sidelines while they sell our country out to Big Marijuana.

We can all write a letter to the editor or an op-ed highlighting how legalization has led to an increase in drugged driving and in youth exposure to pot. Here is an example of an op-ed recently published in California on drugged-driving, another in The Hill focusing on marijuana banking, and one recently published in the Wall Street Journal highlighting the harms of legalization.

Even if you don't have the time to do any of those, or maybe you just don't want to publicly be involved, you can still help by chipping in to the fight.

Will you take action today to stand with us?

Thank you again for everything you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet  
Founder and President  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action

## About SAM Action

SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization. Under the IRS code, political activity cannot be deducted for tax purposes. Your contribution will be used for maximum impact, but is not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution (IRC § 170) or business expense (IRC § 162 (e)(1)).

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# Don't let NJ go to pot - an important meeting for all stakeholders

Mary Pat Angelini <mpangelini@preferredbehavioral.org>

Tue 8/28/2018 5:52 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

**Calling all concerned New Jerseyans - now is the time to fight back against marijuana legalization. We have an important opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children and families!**

Please attend a very important meeting on September 24th at 1:00pm at Preferred Behavioral Health Group's Training Site, located at 725 Airport Road, Unit B1, Lakewood, NJ.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana will be joining us to discuss NJ's strategy to hold back the legalization of recreational use of marijuana.

Please register for the event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dont-let-nj-go-to-pot-an-important-meeting-for-all-stakeholders-tickets-49556635230>

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-Mary Pat Angelini

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# Important Piece Out Today in The Atlantic

Dr. Kevin Sabet <info@learnaboutsam.org>

Mon 8/20/2018 12:50 PM

to: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

Annie Lowrey wrote the illuminating piece below in the Atlantic that highlights the growing marijuana problem we face in our country- and how Big Pot puts profit over public health. I wanted to make sure you got the chance to read it. If there's one piece on this issue you read all year, this should be it.

Best,

Dr. Kevin Sabet  
President and Founder  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana

The proliferation of retail boutiques in California did not really bother him, Evan told me, but the billboards did. Advertisements for delivery, advertisements promoting the substance for relaxation, for fun, for health. "Shop. It's legal." "Hello marijuana, goodbye hangover." "It's not a trigger," he told me. "But it is in your face."

When we spoke, he had been sober for a hard-fought seven weeks: seven weeks of sleepless nights, intermittent nausea, irritability, trouble focusing, and psychological turmoil. There were upsides, he said, in terms of reduced mental fog, a fatter wallet, and a growing sense of confidence that he could quit. "I don't think it's a 'can' as much as a 'must,'" he said.

Evan, who asked that his full name not be used for fear of the professional repercussions, has a self-described cannabis-use disorder. If not necessarily because of legalization, but alongside legalization, such problems are becoming more common: The share of adults with one has doubled since the early aughts, as the share of cannabis users who consume it daily or near-daily has jumped nearly 50 percent—all "in the context of increasingly permissive cannabis legislation, attitudes, and lower risk perception," as the National Institutes of Health put it.

Public-health experts worry about the increasingly potent options available, and the striking number of constant users. "Cannabis is potentially a real public-health problem," said Mark A. R. Kleiman, a professor of public policy at New York University. "It wasn't obvious to me 25 years ago, when 9 percent of self-reported cannabis users over the last month reported daily or near-daily use. I always was prepared to say, 'No, it's not a very abusable drug. Nine percent of anybody will do something stupid.' But that number is now [something like] 40 percent." They argue that state and local governments are setting up legal regimes without sufficient public-health protection, with some even warning that the country is replacing one form of reefer madness with another, careening from treating cannabis as if it were as dangerous as heroin to treating it as if it were as benign as kombucha.

But cannabis is not benign, even if it is relatively benign, compared with alcohol, opiates, and cigarettes, among other substances. Thousands of Americans are finding their own use problematic-in a climate where pot products are getting more potent, more socially acceptable to use, and yet easier to come by, not that it was particularly hard before.

For Keith Humphreys, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University, the most compelling evidence of the deleterious effects comes from users themselves. "In large national surveys, about one in 10 people who smoke it say they have a lot of problems. They say things like, 'I have trouble quitting. I think a lot about quitting and I can't do it. I smoked more than I intended to. I neglect responsibilities.' There are plenty of people who have problems with it, in terms of things like concentration, short-term memory, and motivation," he said. "People will say, 'Oh, that's just you fuddy-duddy doctors.' Actually, no. It's millions of people who use the drug who say that it causes problems."

Users or former users I spoke with described lost jobs, lost marriages, lost houses, lost money, lost time. Foreclosures and divorces. Weight gain and mental-health problems. And one other thing: the problem of convincing other people that what they were experiencing was real. A few mentioned jokes about Doritos, and comments implying that the real issue was that they were lazy stoners. Others mentioned the common belief that you can be "psychologically" addicted to pot, but not "physically" or "really" addicted. The condition remains misunderstood, discounted, and strangely invisible, even as legalization and white-marketization pitches ahead.

The country is in the midst of a volte-face on marijuana. The federal government still classifies cannabis as Schedule I drug, with no accepted medical use. (Meth and PCP, among other drugs, are Schedule II.) Politicians still argue it is a gateway to the use of things like heroin and cocaine. The country still spends billions of dollars fighting it in a bloody and futile drug war, and still arrests more people for offenses related to cannabis than it does for all violent crimes combined.

Yet dozens of states have pushed ahead with legalization for medical or recreational purposes, given that for decades physicians have argued that marijuana's health risks have been overstated and its medical uses overlooked; activists have stressed prohibition's tremendous fiscal cost and far worse human cost; and researchers have convincingly argued that cannabis is far less dangerous than alcohol. A solid majority of Americans support legalization nowadays.

Academics and public-health officials, though, have raised the concern that cannabis's real risks have been overlooked or underplayed-perhaps as part of a

counter-reaction to federal prohibition, and perhaps because millions and millions of cannabis users have no problems controlling their use. "Part of how legalization was sold was with this assumption that there was no harm, in reaction to the message that everyone who has smoked marijuana was going to ruin their whole life," Humphreys told me. It was a point Kleiman agreed with. "I do think that not legalization, but the legalization movement, does have a lot on its conscience now," he said. "The mantra about how this is a harmless, natural, and non-addictive substance—it's now known by everybody. And it's a lie."

Thousands of businesses, as well as local governments earning tax money off of sales, are now literally invested in that lie. "The liquor companies are salivating," Matt Karnes of GreenWave Advisors told me. "They can't wait to come in full force." He added that Big Pharma was targeting the medical market, with Wall Street, Silicon Valley, food businesses, and tobacco companies aiming at the recreational market.

Sellers are targeting broad swaths of the consumer market—soccer moms, recent retirees, folks looking to replace their nightly glass of chardonnay with a precisely dosed, low-calorie, and hangover-free mint. Many have consciously played up cannabis as a lifestyle product, a gift to give yourself, like a nice crystal or an antioxidant face cream. "This is not about marijuana," one executive at the California retailer MedMen recently argued. "This is about the people who use cannabis for all the reasons people have used cannabis for hundreds of years. Yes for recreation, just like alcohol, but also for wellness."

Evan started off smoking with his friends when they were playing sports or video games, lighting up to chill out after his nine-to-five as a paralegal at a law office. But that soon became couch-lock, and he lost interest in working out, going out, doing anything with his roommates. Then came a lack of motivation and the slow erosion of ambition, and law school moving further out of reach. He started smoking before work and after work. Eventually, he realized it was impossible to get through the day without it. "I was smoking anytime I had to do anything boring, and it took a long time before I realized that I wasn't doing anything without getting stoned," he said.

His first attempts to reduce his use went miserably, as the consequences on his health and his life piled up. He gained nearly 40 pounds, he said, when he stopped working out and cooking his own food at home. He recognized that he was just barely getting by at work, and was continually worried about getting fired. Worse, his friends were unsympathetic to the idea that he was struggling and needed help. "[You have to] try to convince someone that something that is hurting you is hurting you," he said.

Other people who found their use problematic or had managed to quit, none of whom wanted to use their names, described similar struggles and consequences. "I was running two companies at the time, and fitting smoking in between running those companies. Then, we sold those companies and I had a whole lot of time on my hands," one other former cannabis user told me. "I just started sitting around smoking all the time. And things just came to a halt. I was in terrible shape. I was depressed."

Lax regulatory standards and aggressive commercialization in some states have compounded some existing public-health risks, raised new ones, and failed to tamp down on others, experts argue. In terms of compounding risks, many cite the availability of hyper-potent marijuana products. "We're seeing these increases in

the strength of cannabis, as we are also seeing an emergence of new types of products," such as edibles, tinctures, vape pens, sublingual sprays, and concentrates, Ziva Cooper, an associate professor of clinical neurobiology in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center, told me. "A lot of these concentrates can have up to 90 percent THC," she said, whereas the kind of flower you could get 30 years ago was far, far weaker. Scientists are not sure how such high-octane products affect people's bodies, she said, but worry that they might have more potential for raising tolerance, introducing brain damage, and inculcating dependence.

As for new risks: In many stores, budtenders are providing medical advice with no licensing or training whatsoever. "I'm most scared of the advice to smoke marijuana during pregnancy for cramps," said Humphreys, arguing that sellers were providing recommendations with no scientific backing, good or bad, at all.

In terms of long-standing risks, the lack of federal involvement in legalization has meant that marijuana products are not being safety-tested like pharmaceuticals; measured and dosed like food products; subjected to agricultural-safety and pesticide standards like crops; and held to labeling standards like alcohol. (Different states have different rules and testing regimes, complicating things further.)

Health experts also cited an uncomfortable truth about allowing a vice product to be widely available, loosely regulated, and fully commercialized: Heavy users will make up a huge share of sales, with businesses wanting them to buy more and spend more and use more, despite any health consequences.

"The reckless way that we are legalizing marijuana so far is mind-boggling from a public-health perspective," Kevin Sabet, an Obama administration official and a founder of the nonprofit Smart Approaches to Marijuana, told me. "The issue now is that we have lobbyists, special interests, and people whose motivation is to make money that are writing all of these laws and taking control of the conversation."

This is not to say that prohibition is a more attractive policy, or that legalization has proven a public-health disaster. "The big-picture view is that the vast majority of people who use cannabis are not going to be problematic users," said Jolene Forman, an attorney at the Drug Policy Alliance. "They're not going to have a cannabis-use disorder. They're going to have a healthy relationship with it. And criminalization actually increases the harms related to cannabis, and so having like a strictly regulated market where there can be limits on advertising, where only adults can purchase cannabis, and where you're going to get a wide variety of products makes sense."

Still, strictly regulated might mean more strictly regulated than today, at least in some places, drug-policy experts argue. "Here, what we've done is we've copied the alcohol industry fully formed, and then on steroids with very minimal regulation," Humphreys said. "The oversight boards of a number of states are the industry themselves. We've learned enough about capitalism to know that's very dangerous."

A number of policy reforms might tamp down on problem use and protect consumers, without quashing the legal market or pivoting back to prohibition and all its harms. One extreme option would be to require markets to be noncommercial: The District of Columbia, for instance, does not allow recreational sales, but does allow home cultivation and the gifting of marijuana products among adults. "If I got

to pick a policy, that would probably be it," Kleiman told me. "That would be a fine place to be if we were starting from prohibition, but we are starting from patchwork legalization. As the Vermont farmer says, I don't think you can get there from here. I fear its time has passed. It's generally true that the drug warriors have never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

There's no shortage of other reasonable proposals, many already in place or under consideration in some states. The government could run marijuana stores, as in Canada. States could require budtenders to have some training or to refrain from making medical claims. They could ask users to set a monthly THC purchase cap and remain under it. They could cap the amount of THC in products, and bar producers from making edibles that are attractive to kids, like candies. A ban or limits on marijuana advertising are also options, as is requiring cannabis dispensaries to post public-health information.

Then, there are THC taxes, designed to hit heavy users the hardest. Some drug-policy experts argue that such levies would just push people from marijuana to alcohol, with dangerous health consequences. "It would be like saying, 'Let's let the beef and pork industries market and do whatever they wish, but let's have much tougher restrictions on tofu and seitan,'" said Mason Tvert of the Marijuana Policy Project. "In light of the current system, where alcohol is so prevalent and is a more harmful substance, it is bad policy to steer people toward that." Yet reducing the commercial appeal of all vice products-cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana-is an option, if not necessarily a popular one.

Perhaps most important might be reintroducing some reasonable skepticism about cannabis, especially until scientists have a better sense of the health effects of high-potency products, used frequently. Until then, listening to and believing the hundreds of thousands of users who argue marijuana is not always benign might be a good start.

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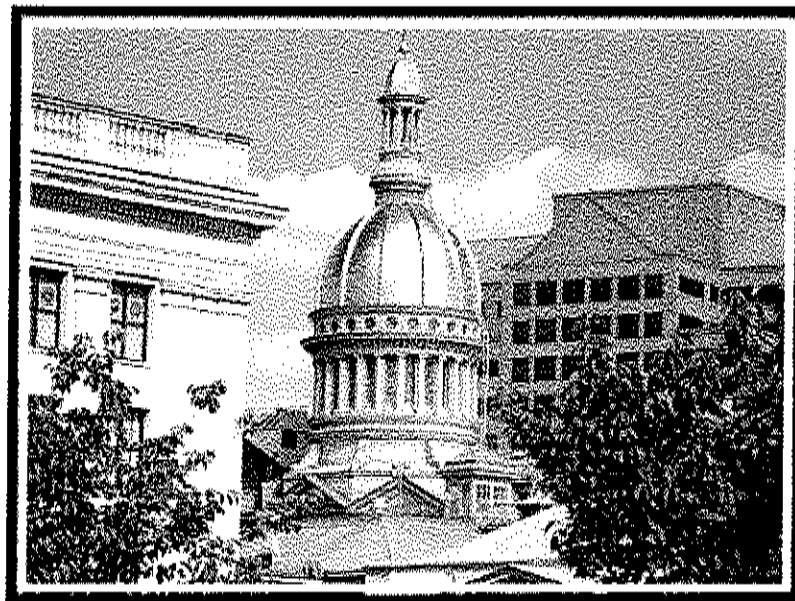
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## Reminder: Submit Your Comments to the New Jersey Department of Health

The New Jersey Department of Health published rule proposals for the medicinal marijuana program. **The deadline to submit comments to the Department of Health is today.** We encourage the submittal of written comments electronically or by regular mail postmarked by August 17, 2018, to:

**Joy L. Lindo, Director**  
**Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance**  
**Office of the Commissioner**  
**New Jersey Department of Health**  
**P.O. Box 360**  
**Trenton, NJ 08625-0360**

## NJ Department of Health Released Questions and Answers

On August 15, 2018, the Department of Health released a PDF addressing questions about the Medicinal Marijuana Program, Alternative Treatment Centers, and the RFA process. Since the Department of Health received 530 questions, this is not a complete list of answers. However, expect more answers to be released in the following months.

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Entities or current management with dispensary NJDOH permits

## ELIGIBLE

All other entities that meet RFA rqmts [NJ residency not required]

**ALL ENTITIES MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION OR RISK POTENTIAL DISQUALIFICATION**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Signed affidavit/Waiver/Release
2. Application Part A w/attachments
3. Application part B/attachments
4. Fees indicated in RFA
5. Complete all necessary **forms**
6. 300-page limit with *five exceptions*:

### RFA PAGE-LIMIT EXCEPTIONS:



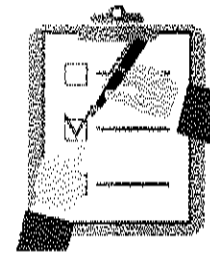
- Entire Part A
- Part B required summaries
- Floor plans & renderings
- Proprietary info cover letter
- Letters of support

**10,500** points in compliance with health & safety needs of patients/general public, suitable clinical research, and community support & participation of ATC

Both the cultivation & manufacturing and dispensary addresses of the same region listed on the NJDOH permit

Not be located within a drug-free school zone

Municipal approval and comply with all local codes and ordinances



## NON-REQUIRED PARTS:

- Proven involvement of an Acute Care Hospital
- Cover letter noting proprietary information submitted in the application exempt from the NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA)
- Letters of support noted in RFA Notice

**SUBMIT ONLINE OR IN PERSON BY 5PM EST 8.31.18**

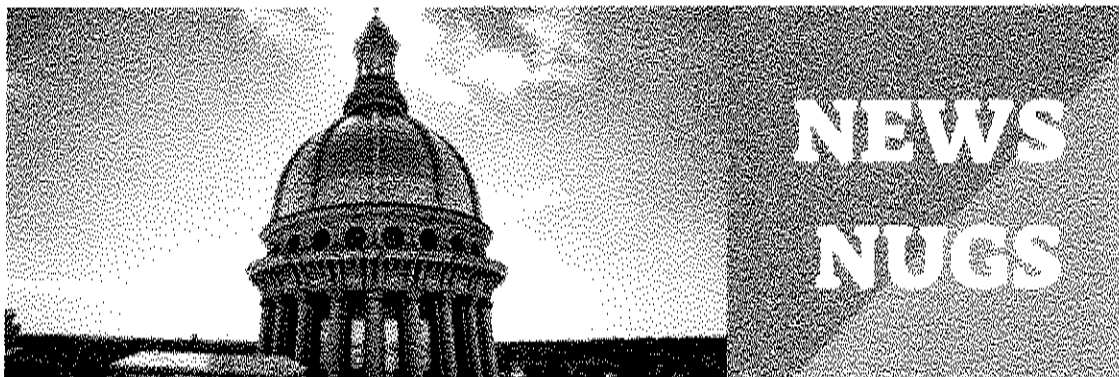
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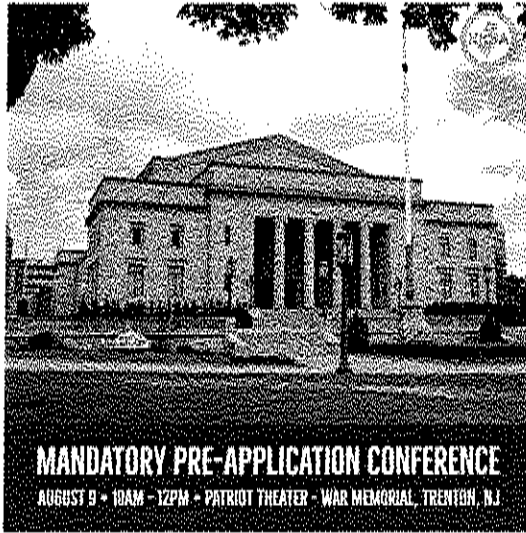


SHOULD APPLICANTS HAVE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS,  
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## **NJ releases ATC application form**

On August 1st, the Department of Health released the complete application packet to open six additional Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs). These new licenses will be vertically integrated medicinal marijuana dispensaries.

**The application process will close after**

**August 31, 2018**

**Applicants chosen to proceed in the  
permitting process will be  
announced November 1, 2018.**

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**"I think it's gonna be soon"**

New Jersey state Senate President, Stephen Sweeney, believes legalized recreational marijuana will be possible in the state before 2018 ends. Sweeney also said that medical marijuana and legal marijuana will be separate measures when everything is said and done.

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Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin recently gave a big thumbs up to marijuana legalization moving forward.



### **30 towns in New Jersey have banned cannabis ahead of legalization**

Despite no legalized marijuana bills being signed in New Jersey, 30 towns have taken steps to ban cannabis businesses within their limits. This currently affects about 610,000 New Jersey residents.

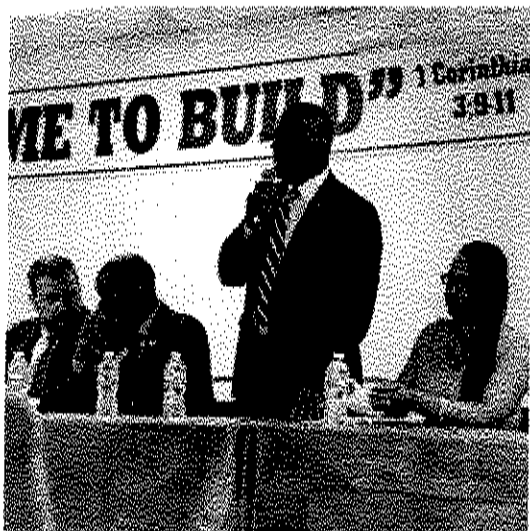
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### **Newest board members, Peter Barsoom, teams up with former NJ governor**

Former New Jersey governor, Jim Florio, is expected to work with Nuka Enterprises of Colorado, a company that creates cannabis edibles. Through his law firm, he is expected to work with the advisory board of Nuka Enterprise.

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## NJCIA president speaks on a newsworthy panel

Alongside pro-legalization advocates and lawmakers, Hugh O'Beirne talked on a panel of eight in North Jersey. Other notable speakers include Assemblyman James Holley, Assemblywoman Angela McKnight, and ACLU Policy Council Dianna Houenou.

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## Federal Court judge rules against medical marijuana patients

New Jersey employers can choose not to waive mandatory marijuana screenings for workers that legally use medical marijuana. Employers are currently allowed to fire workers from returning to work if they do not pass a drug test.

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## Connecticut city confirms 76 overdoses on synthetic marijuana



## Pediatric study of cannabis oil seems to work for children with drug-resistant

## epilepsy

Synthetic marijuana, generally plant material sprayed with chemicals that are meant to recreate real marijuana, are being blamed for overdoses in New Haven, Connecticut. Anti-opioid-overdose drugs given to victims does not seem effective when treating synthetic marijuana overdoses.

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In Toronto, THC/CBD oil is being studied on children suffering from frequent and prolonged seizures. This research suggests that using THC-containing cannabinoids are likely superior to CBD-only cannabinoids when treating severe epilepsy symptoms.

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# Leading NJ Psychiatric Associations Oppose Legalization of Recreational Marijuana

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## **Leading NJ Psychiatric Associations Oppose Legalization of Recreational Marijuana**

### ***New Jersey Psychiatric Association and NJ Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Call on Lawmakers to Oppose Legalized Pot***

TRENTON - The New Jersey Psychiatric Association and the New Jersey Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (NJCCAP) this week called on New Jersey lawmakers to oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana in the Garden State.

"Before passing legislation that will impact the lives of thousands of New Jersey families, New Jersey legislators should consider the public health consequences of legalizing recreational marijuana, particularly on our young people," said Dr. Wil Yeung, NJCCAP President. "There are many well-documented adverse effects of marijuana use such as altered brain development, cognitive impairment, decreased brain activity in areas of the brain and a significant increase in risk of developing psychotic symptoms or disorders. Adolescents with habitual use have a greater risk of decreased academic performance, increased school dropout rates, decreased overall educational attainment and decreased workplace productivity."

"As we've seen in other states, the rate of children under 21 using pot will increase if it's legalized for recreational use," Dr. Yeung continued. "The adolescent and teen brain is still in a process of critical development, making it that much more vulnerable to drug use. The use of marijuana, particularly in adolescents, increases not only the risk of addiction to marijuana, but also the risk of addiction to other substances."

New Jersey Psychiatric Association President Randy Gurak, M.D. said, "Legalizing marijuana for recreational use is terrible public health policy that puts New Jersey's

families at risk. There are known carcinogens and toxins in marijuana and the long-term risk for developing cancer is unknown. The use of synthetic cannabinoids has led to multiple emergency room visits for paranoia, anxiety, and psychosis. There have also been multiple reports of increased driving accidents and fatalities linked to driving while under the influence of marijuana."

The National Institute on Drug Abuse at the National Institute of Health recently released results from their "Monitoring the Future" study that showed more 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal. Specifically, one in four 12th graders thought that they would try marijuana, or that their use would increase, if marijuana were legalized. Prevalence of annual marijuana use also rose by a significant 1.3 percentage points to 23.9% in 2017, based on data from 8th, 10th, and 12th grades combined.

NJCCAP and NJPA join a growing number of organizations and grassroots coalitions that oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana, including law enforcement groups, other medical associations, prevention organizations and parent groups. For more information, log onto [www.nj-ramp.org](http://www.nj-ramp.org).

**About NJ-RAMP:** NJ-RAMP is a coalition of individuals and associations who believe that the health, safety and economic consequences of recreational marijuana legalization far outweigh the perceived social benefits. The grassroots organization consists of medical doctors, community groups, treatment providers, drug prevention professionals, business owners, law enforcement officers, parents, religious leaders, and many others. For more information, visit [www.nj-ramp.org](http://www.nj-ramp.org).

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# Rocky Mountain Highs in Colorado Lead to Increased Drugged Driving

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## **New Report: Two-Thirds of DUIs in Colorado Test Positive for Marijuana**

*More than half admit marijuana use within two hours of getting behind the wheel*

(Denver, CO) - In one of the most concerning developments to date, a published report by the state of Colorado found that in 2016, about 73% of some 4,000 drivers charged with driving under the influence tested positive for marijuana. The report, by the Division of Criminal Justice, also revealed that half of the drivers who tested positive were over the legal limit of THC in their blood. That's the psychoactive compound found in pot. And 53 percent admit they smoked marijuana within two hours of getting behind the wheel.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and affiliate Marijuana Accountability Coalition (MAC) stand in firm opposition to the industry's lies about marijuana's effects and incessant promotion of their highly potent products. With 77% pot shops in Colorado already recommending pot to pregnant mothers, this is just one more reason why legalizing the recreational use of marijuana was a step in the wrong direction.

"I have read thousands of research reports over the last 25 years - and this one is one of the most alarming," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM. "To make matters worse, marijuana impairment is most likely underrepresented in

data due to the fact that it is so hard to gauge. Other states considering legalization must pump the breaks and take note of such damning reports."

Since legalization in Colorado, the marijuana industry has created a whole host of issues including the targeting of minorities and children, workforce problems, a thriving black market, and increased poison control center calls and emergency room visits.

"Each day, the marijuana industry in Colorado gives the rest of the nation one more lesson to learn from," said Justin Luke Riley, founder of the MAC - a marijuana industry watchdog in Colorado. "The MAC will continue to work to shine a light where Big Marijuana doesn't want it shown."

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## News Roundup

July 2018

**The SAM family has been growing and expanding over the last month. New office in Manhattan, new, talented teammates in Michigan...we are working hard to make a difference for public health.**

**New Poll: More Than Half of New Yorkers Oppose Marijuana Legalization**

**Healthy and Productive Michigan Holds Discussions on Social Justice Impact of Marijuana Legalization**

A recent poll conducted by Emerson College found that a majority of New Yorkers do not support the full legalization of marijuana. A plurality support either decriminalization or the current policy.

A previous New York poll commissioned by pro-marijuana legalization groups pushed the false dichotomy of there only being two options in marijuana policy - full legalization or full prohibition. When respondents are informed of current marijuana laws (legal for

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"People often say we should regulate marijuana like alcohol and that's actually what frightens me," said Jones. To see a video highlighting more about how marijuana legalization would harm these communities, [click here](#).

Healthy and Productive Michigan also recently welcomed former Obama for America

medical use and decriminalized) support for legalization drops 27% from those polls.

"New Yorkers do not support pot legalization. This poll shows us that elected officials need to slow down," said Dr. Kevin Sabet.

campaigner Abu Edwards to the team. Abu, who is coming on as the Detroit Field Director, joins Matthew Yascolt, a longtime prevention advocate, in pushing back against Big Marijuana in Michigan.

Abu brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the fight for public health. As one of five children raised by a single mother, Mr. Edwards is filled with a burning passion to help those who struggle in poverty by fighting for societal reforms that benefit disadvantaged communities.

## **SAM Issues Comprehensive Rebuttal to Study Recommending Marijuana Legalization in New York State**

SAM met with its award-winning science advisory board to review the recent study out of New York that recommended the state legalize marijuana. After review, the board found a whole host of major flaws with the study.

In response, SAM released a comprehensive rebuttal and also formally submitted a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request to the New York State Department of Health for all records related to their marijuana report.

"Why weren't addiction medicine doctors or the state's medical association consulted with on this so-called scientific report?" said Dr. Kevin Sabet. "The NYS report reads more like a marijuana industry lobbyist's manifesto than a research-based document."

To read the comprehensive rebuttal, please [click here](#).

## **SAM Action Opens New Office in Manhattan**

In response to the efforts of the marijuana industry to expand into the Empire State, SAM Action and its New York affiliate, SAM-NY is happy to announce the opening of a new office in the historic West Village of Manhattan. This office will serve as a critical center of collaboration and work for SAM Action and SAM-NY.

"SAM has now grown to almost a dozen employees around the country, and we are thrilled to be able to plant a flag in the historic West Village neighborhood of New York. New Yorkers are tired of living with secondhand marijuana smoke, among other problems," said Kevin Sabet.

The SAM family has successfully worked hard across the river in New Jersey this year to thwart marijuana commercialization and we intend to do the same in New York," said Sabet. "I

look forward to the ways this new office space will allow our team to expand in ways we've never been able to before to better push back against Big Marijuana."

## **New Data From Washington State Show Marijuana Legalization Leads to Massive Increase in Youth Exposure to the Substance**

Marijuana legalization has led to massive increases in youth exposure to the substance, according the 2017 Annual Toxic Trend Report compiled by the Washington Poison Center.

In 2017, there were 378 total marijuana exposures reported to the Washington State Poison Center. This number is an all-time high for reported marijuana exposures and is an increase of 87 incidents from the previous year.

"This report is extremely troubling," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "As Big Marijuana continues to churn out kid-friendly edibles, more and more young children are ending up in emergency rooms."

## **House Rules Committee Shuts Down Two Marijuana Industry-Backed Amendments**

Members of the House Rules Committee recently blocked two pro-marijuana industry amendments from consideration. This marks the 34th time pro-pot amendments have been blocked by the House Rules Committee and joins the dozens of failed efforts to loosen marijuana laws this Congress.

The first amendment would have allowed the marijuana industry access to the federal banking system and the second would have allowed the District of Columbia to begin commercial sales of the drug.

"This is a win for public health," said Dr. Kevin Sabet.

## **SAM is Proud to Announce the Addition of Ben Cort to the 2018 SAM Summit**

We are proud to announce that Mr. Ben Cort has been added to the lineup of speakers at the 2018 SAM Summit. Ben is an excellent addition to the already packed agenda for the day. The author of *Weed Inc.*, an expert on addiction treatment, and member of the SAM Board of Directors, Ben will speak on Colorado's commercialization effects from first-hand experiences while living there.

### ***Featured Speakers***

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- **Roneet Lev, MD FACEP**, Chief, Emergency Department, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego
- **Dana Stevens**, Grassroots Coordinator, SAM & HighMeansDUI
- **Corinne Gasper**, Drugged-Driving Advocate
- **Bari K. Platter, MS, RN, PMHCN-BC**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, the Center for Dependency, Addiction, and Rehabilitation - University of Colorado Health
- **Kevin Sabet, PhD**, Founder and President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

### ***Topics to be Covered:***

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**We have a very limited amount of discounted tickets!**

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**Big Marijuana Comes to Wall  
Street**

## SAM Founder Dr. Kevin Sabet Sits Down With Cheddar

The marijuana industry has broken into new territory now that Canadian marijuana growing company Tilray has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

This marks the first time a marijuana growing company has completed an initial public offering on the U.S. stock exchange. The IPO is the latest example of large, internationally run marijuana corporations being listed on U.S. markets, following the listings of Canopy Growth in May and Cronos Group in February of 2018.

"It is unconscionable - and illegal - to promote the production and commercialization of pot candies, cookies, and other edibles in the US market. We are calling on NASDAQ to immediately stop working with Tilray and other marijuana companies."

SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet recently sat down with Alex Heath of Cheddar at the Sun Valley Conference in Idaho, a gathering of the world's top leaders in business and innovation.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm waking up, not in 2018, but in 1918 — but with tobacco, when we had a relatively new industry that had a product that's been around for a long time but that they started marketing and developing into something addictive," said Dr. Sabet.

Click the link below to check out the full interview!

### *Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana:* New Book Co-Edited by Dr. Kevin Sabet Available Now

Hot off the presses of Oxford University, *Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana* is now [available for purchase](#).

This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology,

medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining to marijuana.

The volume features a comprehensive review of research into marijuana's impact on public health, including how it affects cognitive and neurological functioning, its medical effects, suggested treatment approaches for marijuana use disorders, marijuana smoking and lung function, and marijuana-impaired driving.

Supplies are limited, so [place your order today!](#)

## **MARIJUANA: PREVENTING ANOTHER BIG TOBACCO MEDIA CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE**

Big Marijuana is borrowing the playbook of Big Tobacco in search of the same deep profits at the expense of addicted users. It is time to combat their game with the facts! To help you do so, [Smart Approaches to Marijuana \(SAM\)](#) has partnered with [Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth \(CADY\)](#) to offer a [comprehensive media campaign prevention toolkit](#).

**As always, thank you for being a SAM supporter. If you can, please chip-in with a small donation by [clicking here](#).**

**If you can't chip-in, then at the very least, please click here to share this with a friend and help grow the SAM community.**

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# Healthy and Productive Michigan Team is Growing

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## Healthy and Productive Michigan Hires Talented Field Director, Abu Edwards

Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action) and Michigan affiliate Healthy and Productive Michigan are proud to welcome Mr. Abu Edwards to the team as Michigan Field Director! Abu previously worked for Organizing for America (OFA), the community organizing project of the Democratic National Committee founded after the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the fight for public health. As one of five children raised by a single mother, Mr. Edwards is filled with a burning passion to help those who struggle in poverty by fighting for societal reforms that benefit disadvantaged communities.

Mr. Edwards joins Healthy and Productive Michigan's team of dynamic and talented individuals dedicated to leading the pushback against Big Marijuana's attempt to expand into Michigan.

## **SAM Action Outreach Associate Will Jones Discusses Marijuana's Harms on Communities of Color**

At an event in Detroit's Second Ebenezer Church, SAM Action Outreach Associate Will Jones joined others from Healthy and Productive Michigan to discuss the impact marijuana legalization would have on communities of color. "People often say we should regulate marijuana like alcohol and that's actually what frightens me," said Jones. "For many that live in neighborhoods like where I live, it's not going to be a good thing. It's going to have a negative health effect." To see a video highlighting more about how marijuana legalization would harm these communities, [click here](#).

To read more and see Mr. Jones' interview with local news, [click here](#).

## **Poll Finds Michigan Voters Opposed to Recreational Marijuana**

According to a poll conducted by Target Insyght, Michigan voters would oppose legalization of recreational use of marijuana if the vote were held today. "These results are not surprising," stated Scott Greenlee, President of Healthy and Productive Michigan.

"The more that people find out about drug cartels buying houses in Colorado and California, and the fact that Michigan would become the marijuana capital of America (Michigan pot taxes would be the lowest in the country and the proposal would allow people to have more pot on them and in their homes than anywhere in the country), along with the business, law enforcement, and medical challenges it would cause, the more they are quick to oppose a massive commercialized drug-addiction industry."

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### **About Healthy and Productive Michigan**

Healthy and Productive Michigan is an organization committed to stopping recreational marijuana in Michigan. To learn more, donate, or volunteer, please go to [www.healthyandproductivemi.org](http://www.healthyandproductivemi.org) and find us on Facebook at Healthy and Productive Michigan.

### **About SAM Action**

SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. Learn more about SAM Action and its work visit [www.samaction.net](http://www.samaction.net).

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# Ben Cort Added to SAM Summit in Anaheim!

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## **SAM EDUCATION SUMMIT - AUGUST 22, 2018 ANAHEIM, CA**

### **New Speaker Added: Ben Cort**

We are proud to announce that Mr. Ben Cort has been added to the lineup of speakers at the 2018 SAM Summit. Ben is an excellent addition to the already star-studded event of the summer. The author of Weed Inc., an expert on addiction treatment, and member of the SAM Board of Directors, Ben will be present to speak on Colorado's commercialization effects from first-hand experiences while living there.

Don't forget, registration for the SAM Education Summit in Anaheim, CA on August 22 is now open to everyone! Supply is limited, [click here to register now!](#)

#### **Featured Speakers:**

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- **Dana Stevens:** Grassroots Coordinator, SAM & HighMeansDUI
- **Ben Cort,** a Colorado-based leader in the field of substance abuse recovery
- **Bari K. Platter, MS, RN, PMHCN-BC:** Clinical Nurse Specialist, the Center for Dependency, Addiction, and Rehabilitation - University of Colorado Health
- **Luke Niforatos,** Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor, Smart Approaches to Marijuana
- **Kevin Sabet, PhD:** Founder and President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

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**SAM Summit Objectives:**

- To identify current evidence-based, specific diagnostic and treatment approaches, counseling skills and modalities, prevention techniques and other mechanisms to prevent, reduce and treat marijuana use, which will be successfully applied to the fields of mental health, behavioral health and addictive disorders.
- To identify key policy discussions in the marijuana use disorder space.
- To understand policy changes on the state and local level and recognize the evidence (or lack thereof) that contributes to practice.

Stay tuned for more updates on our lineup. There will be some pleasant surprises, too!

**Act now to take advantage of discounted tickets to the event of the summer. Supplies are limited!**

Click [here](#) to register soon and save!

For the full agenda, [click here](#)!

If your organization would like to sponsor the summit, email us at [info@learnaboutsam.org](mailto:info@learnaboutsam.org) for more information on how to get involved.

The whole SAM team and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Kevin Sabet  
Founder and President  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana

## About SAM

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) is a nonpartisan, non-profit alliance of physicians, policy makers, prevention workers, treatment and recovery professionals, scientists, and other concerned citizens opposed to marijuana legalization who want health and scientific evidence to guide marijuana policies. SAM has affiliates in more than 30 states. For more information about marijuana use and its effects, visit <http://www.learnaboutsam.org>.

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# NJ-RAMP Update

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## NJ-RAMP UPDATE

### FORMER CONGRESSMAN PATRICK KENNEDY HOSTS FORUM ON MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Former Congressman **Patrick Kennedy** joined [SAM](#) and [NJ-RAMP](#) in hosting a roundtable on marijuana legalization, "Marijuana Legalization in NJ: Are We Sure?" this week.

Attended by over 200 New Jersey residents seeking to learn more about marijuana legalization, Kennedy was joined by NJ-RAMP senior advisor **Ijeoma Opara** in a discussion moderated by **Mary Pat Angelini**, CEO of Preferred Behavioral Health Group. The panel broke down the unintended consequences of marijuana legalization and the lessons learned from legalized states, such as increases in drugged driving crashes, greater youth marijuana use, an expanding black market, and the negative impact on minority communities.

**TAKE ACTION: TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO SAY NO  
TO BIG MARIJUANA**

It's been 200 days since Governor Murphy took office and promised to legalize recreational marijuana.

Because of the support of volunteers and grassroots advocates like you, we've been successful in pushing back on the Big Marijuana industry and blocking their agenda.

However, the battle is not over. We are asking for your help to stop lawmakers from passing a short-sighted bill to legalize recreational marijuana in the Garden State this summer. The marijuana industry is working with political bosses in New Jersey to pass legislation in August - when they think most New Jerseyans are on vacation and won't be paying attention.

We are asking for your help to contact your legislators TODAY to let them know you're opposed to this dangerous proposal. Click [here](#) to send a letter to your legislator.

## **IN THE NEWS**

**NJ marijuana legalization: NJ RAMP talks decriminalization, argues against legal weed**

**New Jersey Attorney General Pauses Prosecutions in Marijuana Cases**

**Enforcement of marijuana laws varies in North Jersey. Here's the arrest rate in your town**

## **WATCH**

NJ-RAMP Executive Director

**Stephen Reid** joins

**News12 Power and Politics**

for a debate on marijuana legalization

**NJ-RAMP Speaks out** against marijuana legalization at Asbury Park Press editorial board

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# Big Tobacco is investing in Big Marijuana...

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Fri 8/3/2018 12:53 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

We all remember how Big Tobacco pulled the wool over the eyes of policy makers and the public for decades, peddling fake science that nicotine was not addictive, adding chemicals to cigarettes, and advertising to kids.

As fewer people smoke today, Phillip Morris and the rest of Big Tobacco have turned to new strategies: vapes, foreign markets, and non-combustible nicotine products.

But there's a new market they're eyeing: marijuana.

Last month, a subsidiary of Imperial Brands, the tobacco company behind cigarette brands like Winston and Kool, joined with investment firm Casa Verde (the same firm backed by rapper Snoop Dogg) to invest millions of dollars in a marijuana company in England.

Big Tobacco is looking to capitalize on the lax regulations being placed on the marijuana industry. While Imperial Brands is the first tobacco company to invest in the marijuana industry, others will surely follow.

More recently, a major marijuana grower, Tilray, conducted an Initial Public Offering (IPO) and began trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

And we just learned this week that Canada's legacy Big Beer manufacturer, Molson (of Molson Coors), is creating a marijuana-infused beer.

Friend, you and I both know that the marijuana industry only cares about making huge profits, and the fact that Big Tobacco and Big Alcohol are now dumping millions of dollars into pot companies and products could not make that fact any clearer.

Marijuana legalization is paving the way to the creation of the next big industry and there is no greater time than now to join with me in standing against the normalization of another addiction-for-profit industry.

Let me be clear. My staff and I can't do this without your help. Can you lend a hand today with a donation of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or even \$10?

Your donation, no matter the size, will go far in helping us organize and push back.

Thank you again for everything you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet  
Founder and President  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action

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# SAM Issues Rebuttal to New York State Marijuana Legalization Document

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**August 1, 2018**

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## **Smart Approaches to Marijuana Issues Comprehensive Rebuttal to New York State Report Recommending Marijuana Legalization**

*Group formally submits Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to obtain  
sources that contributed to the creation of the New York State report released by  
the Department of Health endorsing legalization*

(New York, New York) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), in coordination with its award-winning science advisory board and its New York State Affiliate, SAM-NY, released a comprehensive rebuttal to the report released by the New York Department of Health recommending the legalization of marijuana for recreational sales. SAM's analysis - reviewed by top scientists from Harvard to Johns Hopkins - found several major flaws in the NYS-issued report and calls into question its bases and conclusions.

**[Click here to read the comprehensive, peer-reviewed rebuttal.](#)**

"Why weren't addiction medicine doctors or the state's medical association consulted with on this so-called scientific report?" said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM, and a former Obama administration advisor. "The NYS report reads more like a marijuana industry lobbyist's manifesto than a research-based document. This manifesto is so one-sided that SAM today formally submitted a **FOIL** request asking the state to disclose all its sources and any ties to the Big Marijuana industry."

The report claims that marijuana reduces pain and opioid dependence. In reality, multiple studies have found that marijuana is not an effective treatment for chronic pain. Actually, use of the drug has in some cases made the pain worse.

Additionally, the report claims that marijuana legalization is not increasing crime around marijuana facilities. To the contrary, studies have shown that increased gang violence and other indicators of crime are on the rise in communities near dispensaries.

The report also glosses over major public health and safety data showing increased use among some teens in Colorado, increased risk of DUI in legalized states, increased minority arrests for marijuana in Colorado, and other key data.

Earlier this year, SAM's advisory board released a [comprehensive report](#) analyzing early data from Colorado and several other legalized states.

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# SAM Summit: Discounted Tickets Still Available!

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## **SAM EDUCATION SUMMIT - AUGUST 22, 2018 ANAHEIM, CA**

Don't miss the SAM Education Summit, taking place in conjunction with the National Conference on Alcohol & Addiction Disorders in Anaheim, CA, on August 22, 2018!

**FOR A LIMITED TIME:** Registration is now open to all. [Click here to register.](#)

**Supply is limited!**

### **Featured Speakers:**

- **Candace Lightner:** Founder & CEO of WeSaveLives, Founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- **James Francois-Hays & Charmaine O. Francois-Hays:** Compton Community Organizers
- **Roneet Lev, MD FACEP:** Chief, Emergency Department, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego
- **Dana Stevens:** Grassroots Coordinator, SAM & HighMeansDUI
- **Bari K. Platter, MS, RN, PMHCN-BC:** Clinical Nurse Specialist, the Center for Dependency, Addiction, and Rehabilitation - University of Colorado Health
- **Luke Niforatos,** Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor, Smart Approaches to Marijuana
- **Kevin Sabet, PhD:** Founder and President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

### **Topics to be covered:**

- Lessons Learned from Marijuana Legalization
- Community Activism - Fighting Back Big Marijuana
- Federal Policy Update
- Adverse Effects on Health Outcomes
- Marijuana-impaired Driving

## **SAM Summit Objectives:**

- To identify current evidence-based, specific diagnostic and treatment approaches, counseling skills and modalities, prevention techniques and other mechanisms to prevent, reduce and treat marijuana use, which will be successfully applied to the fields of mental health, behavioral health and addictive disorders.
- To identify key policy discussions in the marijuana use disorder space.
- To understand policy changes on the state and local level and recognize the evidence (or lack thereof) that contributes to practice.

Stay tuned for more updates on our lineup. There will be some pleasant surprises, too!

**Act now to take advantage of discounted tickets to the event of the summer. Supplies are limited!**

Click [here to register soon and save!](#)

For the full agenda, [click here!](#)

If your organization would like to sponsor the summit, email us at [info@learnaboutsam.org](mailto:info@learnaboutsam.org) for more information on how to get involved.

The whole SAM team and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Kevin Sabet  
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# Big Marijuana Pushback Comes to the Big Apple

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## **SAM Action Opens Office in Manhattan**

(New York, New York) - In response to the marijuana industry's wide expansion into the state, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action), a non-profit 501 (c)(4) organization opposed to the legalization and commercialization of marijuana, whose sister organization SAM was founded by former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, is proud to announce the opening of our New York office in the West Village of Manhattan. This office will serve as a critical center of collaboration and work for SAM Action and it's New York affiliate, SAM-NY, as well as regional partners. Check out the video announcement of our office by [clicking here](#) or on the image below.

"SAM has now grown to almost a dozen employees around the country, and we are thrilled to be able to plant a flag in the historic West Village neighborhood of New York. As 311 calls for marijuana problems skyrocket in the city, New Yorkers deserve better," said Kevin Sabet, President of SAM Action. "And we will be keeping a watchful eye down the road on Wall Street, where investors are hopping onto the 'green rush' in pursuit of profits over public health. We also will be active in Albany."

A recent Emerson College poll found more than half of New Yorkers oppose the full legalization of marijuana when given the full range of options on drug policy. The poll also found that 76% of New Yorkers did not support marijuana advertising, 73% did not support public use of marijuana, 58% did not support marijuana stores in their neighborhoods, and half of New Yorkers were against marijuana candies, gummies, cookies, and other edibles. The New York State Department of Health released a study recommending the state legalized the drug for recreational use. SAM is currently evaluating this report with its award-winning scientific advisory board will soon release a response.

"The SAM family has successfully worked hard across the river in New Jersey this year to thwart marijuana commercialization and we intend to do the same in New York," said Sabet. "I look forward to the ways this new office space will allow our team to expand in ways we've never been able to before to better push back against Big Marijuana."

To learn more about the efforts in New York, please visit [www.SAM-NY.org](http://www.SAM-NY.org). To keep up with actions in other states, head over to [www.samaction.net](http://www.samaction.net), and to learn more about action at the federal level, as well as learning more about the impact of marijuana legalization, check out [www.learnaboutsam.org](http://www.learnaboutsam.org).

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