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Subject: Meet New Members of the SAM Family!

Meet Our New Team (and more coming soon....)

Because of generous support from people like you, SAM and SAM Action are rapidly expanding. We're excited to announce Phase 1 of this expansion with our new state teams. We have identified the five focus states of **Michigan, Illinois, Vermont, New Jersey, and Rhode Island** for 2018 (though we are not neglecting others!). At our national offices, we have a new Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor from the healthcare tech field, and we will announce new positions and national team members soon. Please familiarize yourself with some of the new team members and don't hesitate to reach out to us!

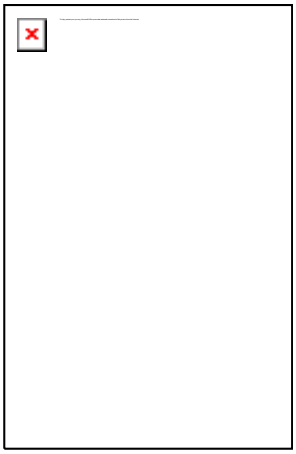
Luke Niforatos, SAM

Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Advisor

Prior to SAM, Luke spent his career working in nonprofit community healthcare. Luke worked for and consulted with many behavioral health-integrated, Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout the state of Colorado, improving efficiency and implementing new regulations as well as IT infrastructure. After several years of success in management and driving over $30 million in revenue at hospitals such as Centura Health, Luke founded two digital health companies. Having lived in Colorado during legalization, he has seen firsthand the disastrous effects of lax marijuana policies. Luke graduated from the University of Denver and now resides in Virginia with his wife and daughter.

Justin Luke Riley, Colorado

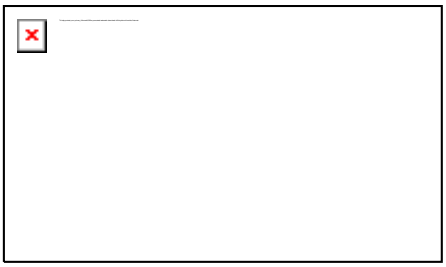
President, **Marijuana Accountability Coalition**



Justin Luke Riley serves as the head of SAM and SAM Action's Colorado efforts, in his capacity as the founding president of the Marijuana Accountability Coalition (MAC). In active recovery since 2007, Justin is a leader in the recovery community and was a Youth & Community Engagement Pastor as well as a private life coach. He graduated cum laude from the University Colorado at Denver in the University's Honors & Leadership Program in 2013, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Mediation, and Public Relations. He recently completed his Executive MBA from the University of Colorado. As a natural leader and gifted public speaker, Justin has been featured in many media outlets for his involvement in youth leadership and community engagement.

Kevin Ellis, Vermont

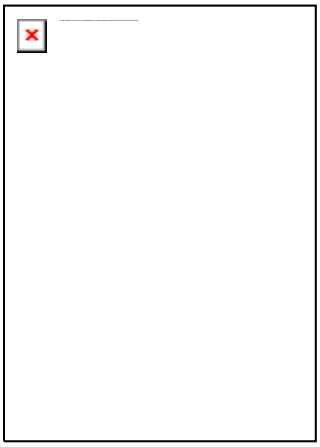
SAM Action Lobbyist, Partner, **Ellis-Mills**



An award-winning former journalist, Kevin Ellis and his firm Ellis-Mills, represents SAM Action in Vermont. Ellis-Mills provides strategic counsel to companies and nonprofits nationwide in message development, crisis management, PR and social media. Kevin was an award-winning newspaper reporter, including stints as the Washington correspondent for The Tennessean in Nashville and as the environmental reporter for the Burlington (VT) Free Press. He serves on the board of directors of Chelsea Green Publishing, a leading environmental and sustainability publisher and the Green Mountain Film Festival in Montpelier, VT. Kevin lives with his family in Cambridge, MA and East Montpelier, VT.

Scott Greenlee, Michigan

President, **Healthy & Productive Michigan**

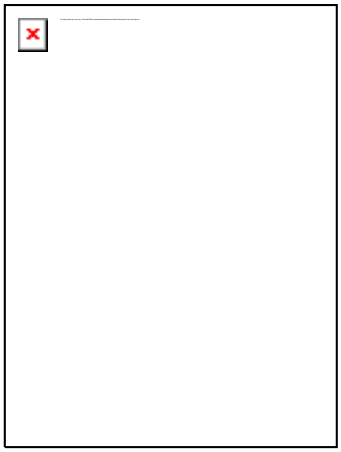


Lifelong Michigan resident Scott Greenlee is the President of Healthy and Productive Michigan, an organization opposed to the legalization of marijuana in Michigan. Scott has a long history of being active in community causes as a Member of and/or President of several Non-Profit organizations including being elected to serve as the Worldwide President of Junior Chamber International (the global arm of the Jaycees) in 2007, and having worked on the Board of Directors for the Project Rehab Foundation in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Additionally, he served as Vice Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party in 2009-10, Export Director for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2001-12, and on the Executive Staff of the Michigan Attorney General from 2013-15.

Tim McAnarney, Illinois

SAM Action Lobbyist, **Healthy & Productive Illinois**

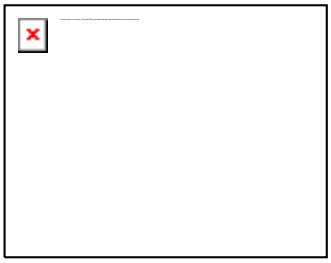
Tim McAnarney is our voice in Springfield, and helps direct Healthy and Productive Illinois, a coalition of concerned citizens. Tim has been a registered lobbyist in Illinois since 1988. After working 8 years in state government he worked 8 years running the Illinois U.S. Senate office for Alan J. Dixon, and also ran dozens of political campaigns for statewide candidates in Illinois. McAnarney Consulting also provides public relations advice for numerous public and private entities.



Jamie Epstein, Illinois

Grassroots Coordinator, Healthy & Productive Illinois

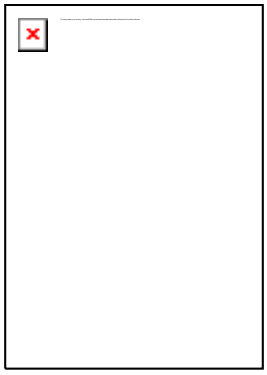
Jamie leads our grassroots efforts in the great state of Illinois. She has a MBA in non-profit management and has worked or volunteered in the field for the past 20 years. She is currently the founder and Executive Director of Stand Strong, dedicated to the prevention of underage drinking and drug use for the youth in IL-District 125, a large suburban high school in Lincolnshire, Illinois.



John Tassoni, Rhode Island

SAM Action Lobbyist

John Tassoni is a former member of the Rhode Island Senate serving from 2001-2012 and is associated with the Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council. Additionally, John is a community activist, a businessman and former union executive. He has over 30 years of experience in the private sector and labor community, and represents SAM Action proudly in Rhode Island!



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Meet More Members of Our New Team (and more coming soon...)

Last week, we announced new team members in **Michigan, Illinois, Vermont, and Rhode Island.** This week, we are excited to announce more new team members in **New Jersey and California.** We have identified the five focus states of **Michigan, Illinois, Vermont, New Jersey, and Rhode Island** for 2018 (though we are not neglecting others!). Please familiarize yourself with some of the new team members and don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Grace Hanlon, New Jersey

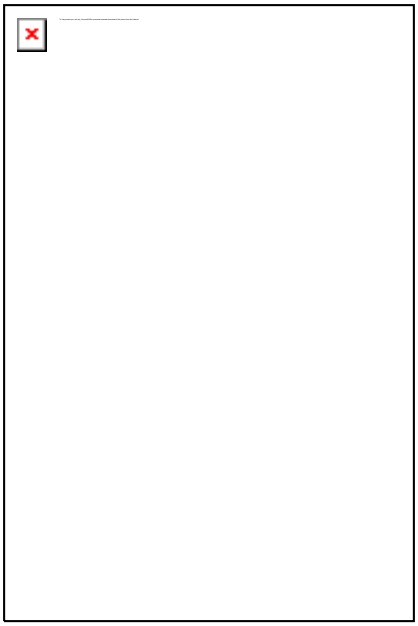
Grassroots Coordinator, **SAM Action/NJ-RAMP**

Grace is SAM Action's Grassroots Coordinator for our partner organization, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy. Hanlon brings a diverse background to her duties as the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism, where tourism is a $35.5 billion industry. Ms. Hanlon also founded the Multi-Media production company Edvantage Media Group, which produces broadcast-quality educational and parenting programs.

Hanlon serves on the Board of Trustees for Oaks Integrated Care, Preferred Behavioral Health Group, Jersey Shore Partnership, and is an active volunteer and supporter of the Dynamite Youth Center- which specializes in drug free counseling to rehabilitate drug dependent adolescents/young adults through educational programs, advocacy, community services, and family involvement. Ms. Hanlon is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania, where she received a Master's Degree in Psychology.

Jeanette Hoffman, New Jersey

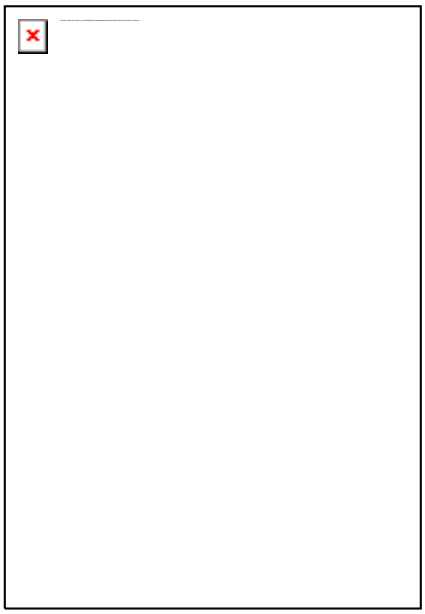
Communications Director, **SAM Action/NJ-RAMP**



Jeanette Hoffman serves as SAM Action's Communications Director for partner organization, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy. She is an experienced public affairs consultant and statewide media spokesperson specializing in strategic messaging, crisis communications and public affairs campaigns. Hoffman can be seen on several New Jersey television and radio stations discussing state politics and public policy. She is regularly featured as a political strategist for media outlets such as NJTV, CBS News, My9, Fox 5 NY, Fox 29 Philly, News 12 New Jersey, Gannett Newspapers, Ebru TV, Al Jazeera America, National Public Radio, WNYC radio and New Jersey 101.5. Jeanette has been named to NJBIZ's prestigious "Forty Under 40" list and Fox's "Chasing News" Power List. Since 2012, State Senator Loretta Weinberg has consistently featured Jeanette on her New Jersey Women of Power List. She's also been named one of Observer/PolitickerNJ's top political operatives several times.

Dana Stevens, California

Grassroots Organizer, **SAM/High Means DUI**



Dana serves as the head of SAM and SAM Action's grassroots operations. She also oversees SAM's High Means DUI initiative which seeks to bring light to the stories of victims of marijuana-related car crashes. She has been a public health and safety advocate most of her adult life! She cut her policy chops serving as a volunteer for the 9th District PTA (San Diego & Imperial Counties) as Vice President of Community Concerns and then Vice President of Public Health. She also served on the state PTA Legislative Committee where she learned to work state legislation. Volunteer policy work led to professional campaign initiatives, including the Campaign to Stop Gun Violence (including the assault weapons ban, an initiative to eliminate Saturday Night Specials and to prohibit "look-a-like toy guns).

In 1994, Dana ran the San Diego County campaign organization in opposition to big tobacco's Prop 188 (to roll back California's progressive tobacco-free workplace laws). In spite of being outspent (20/1) the NO on 188 campaign trounced big tobacco with 74% of the vote. Her work to reduce binge and underage drinking in Mexico (where the drinking age is 18) was featured on CBS News programs 60Minutes and 48-Hours as well as the Journal of the American Medical Association. Dana is also the Executive Director Community Action, Service & Advocacy.

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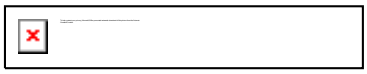

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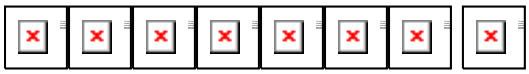

We have two major events taking place today. Check out what is happening below!

NJ-RAMP and SAM Action support bi-partisan legislation addressing social justice issues surrounding marijuana, speak at State Senator Ron Rice's Press Conference

A new video supporting the legislation can be seen here!

SAM Action, and its affiliate NJ-RAMP, and have been hard at work in New Jersey, rallying many community and political leaders to the cause of not selling the state to the marijuana industry. State Senator Ron Rice has authored legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Bishop Jethro James, President of the Newark/North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen who served on Gov. Murphy's transition team, stated, "Marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops littering the city is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined." This press conference takes place at 11:00 AM ET and SAM team members Will Jones, III and Mervyn Jones, II will be in attendance. A special video has been put together marking this announcement.

SAM releases *The Cost of Marijuana Legalization in Connecticut,* finding marijuana legalization will cost the state $216 Million; holds press conference with CT-SAM and Yale Researchers

SAM Connecticut has worked in conjunction with SAM and SAM's Scientific Advisory Board to release a thorough analysis of what the costs of marijuana legalization will be if done in their state. The results of the analysis were staggering: costs associated with legalization were $216 million compared to a paltry $113.6 million in tax revenue. "Everyone likes to talk about the assumed revenue that marijuana legalization would bring to a state, but no one likes to discuss the costs affiliated with such policy measures," said Kevin A. Sabet, a former Obama Administration drug policy adviser who is now head of the anti-legalization group SAM. "This report will hopefully give lawmakers in Connecticut reason to pause and consider the implications of such policies."

Read the report here and tune in to press coverage as Kevin Sabet, Deepak Cryil D' Souza, MD, MBBS, and others speak at the 10:00 AM ET Press Conference in Hartford, CT.

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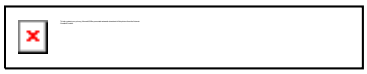

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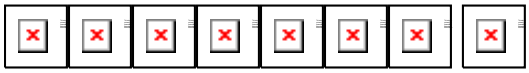

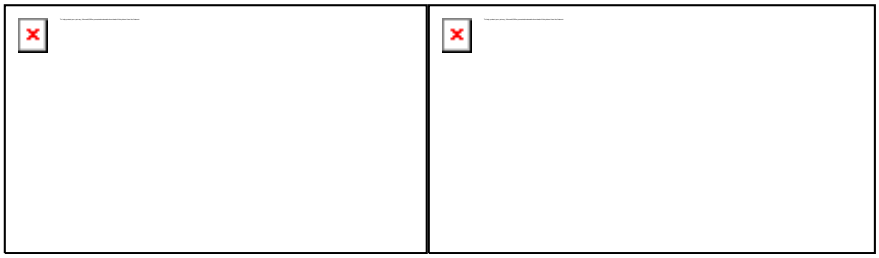

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LEADING MARIJUANA POLICY ORGANIZATIONS APPLAUD BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ADDRESSING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES SURROUNDING MARIJUANA

TRENTON, NJ -- Today, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana and Smart Approaches to Marijuana officials joined Senator Ron Rice, Senator Robert Singer, legislators, and coalition members in supporting legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Both groups released this video to mark their support for the bill.

"Non-violent drug offenders - regardless of the drug - should not be saddled with criminal records that would jeopardize their recovery and reintegration into our communities," said Representative Patrick Kennedy, honorary chair of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM).

A recent Farleigh Dickinson University poll found support for legalization is slipping. That poll found only a minority of New Jersey voters supported legalization when given other options such as decriminalization.

Bishop Jethro James, President of the Newark/North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen who served on Gov. Murphy's transition team, stated, "Marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops littering the city is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined."

"This proposed legislation is the beginning of criminal justice reform," James continued. "However, any amount of marijuana is not acceptable to our community, for it will only lead to greater drug abuse and criminal activity."

"At a time when the commercial marijuana industry is putting extreme pressure on New Jersey lawmakers to legalize recreational marijuana, we applaud Senators Rice and Singer for offering this alternative and meaningfully tackling social justice reforms," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder of SAM and its partner NJ-RAMP. Dr. Sabet is a former drug policy advisor to President Obama.

Sabet noted that according to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, the number of Hispanic and African American kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent two years after Colorado legalized it. In the same period, the number of white kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent.

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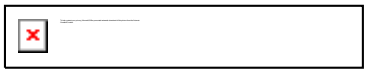

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NJ Legislative Black Caucus Marijuana Legislative Hearing

Watch Live!

Jersey City, NJ - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), and it's affiliate, NJ Responsible Approaches to Marijuana (NJ-RAMP), will be testifying about the impact of marijuana legalization in front of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus. You can watch it live here!

WHO: New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) Coalition Members, including

- Kevin Sabet, PhD., President of SAM and NJ affiliate NJ-RAMP, former drug policy advisor to President Obama;
- Kristina Ziobro, New Jersey parent who lost her son to marijuana
- Todd Raybuck, Police Captain, Las Vegas, NV
- Luke Niforatos, Chief of Staff, SAM, and Twenty-year Denver resident
- Billy Fusco, Dynamite Youth Center
- Will Jones, Communications Associate, SAM, and D.C. resident

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 10 am to 1 pm

WHAT: New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus Hearing on Marijuana

WHERE: Cityline Church, 1510 JFK Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ,

LIVESTREAM: https://njblackcaucus.cleeng.com/nj-legislative-black-caucus-marijuana-legislative-hearing/E298257795_US

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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.

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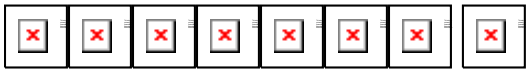

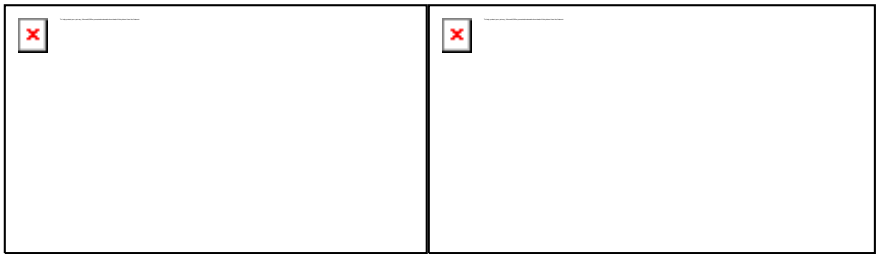

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COALITION OF PARENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND EMPLOYERS TESTIFY AGAINST MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AT LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS HEARING

Sabet: Regardless of good intentions, legalization is bad policy.

JERSEY CITY - At a hearing of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus today, coalition members of New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) expressed their opposition to the legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana in New Jersey.

Parents, law enforcement professionals, religious leaders, employers, and addiction professionals offered their testimony, insights and expertise on a multitude of issues including health concerns, increase in youth use, drugged driving, and arrest rates among minorities.

Kristin Ziobro, a parent who tragically lost her son from a heart arrhythmia induced by cannabis with 28% THC, spoke out against the dangers of recreational marijuana:

"I am compelled to raise awareness of the considerable risks and implications of smoking marijuana because I don't believe the public is aware of these dangers. And I feel in my heart of hearts, if Michael knew the full implications of smoking marijuana with high levels of THC, he would be alive today.

Kevin Sabet, former drug policy adviser to President Obama and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its New Jersey affiliate, NJ-RAMP, summarized numerous studies from academic journals that indicate the dangers of widespread marijuana use:

"Regardless of good intentions, legalization is bad policy. It will increase marijuana use (including among children), make New Jersey roads more dangerous, reduce businesses' productivity, and target communities of color. It will also not help New Jersey's budget due to the costs of implementing the program and dealing with its consequences. And, ironically, it will not reduce black marketeering or criminal activity surrounding the drug."

Todd Raybuck, a police captain in Las Vegas, Nevada, discussed the increase in crime and strengthening of the black market since recreational marijuana was legalized:

"The lure of increased tax revenue and claims of a regulated system that will eliminate the criminal element and repair historical harms to the minority community is intoxicating. Yet, as we are learning in Nevada, the financial gains from the marijuana industry do not adequately support the resources needed to control the effects of marijuana legalization. And, the promises of a regulated industry that will weed-out the illegal marijuana market and improve social conditions in disadvantaged neighborhoods are contrary to the reality.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is already seeing a negative impact on crime and the black market. In 2017, homicides related to an altercation over drugs increased 21% compared to 2016. Marijuana was the cause of the altercation in 53% of those homicides. In 2017, 58% of all drug related murders (24) involved marijuana."

Will Jones, Communications Specialist for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a resident of Washington, DC, spoke about the false promise of social justice reform and pointed to statistics that show minority arrests related to marijuana are up in legalized states. In the two years after Colorado legalized marijuana, the number of Hispanic and Black kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent, respectively. In the same period, the number of White kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent:

"To continue to legalize and commercialize marijuana is to continue to allow an addictive industry to profit off minorities and the marginalized. It's time for us to wake up and realize that legalizing marijuana only reinforces the pillars of racial inequality in our country."

Luke Niforatos, Chief of Staff for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a 20-year resident of Colorado, talked about the impact of quality-of-life and tourism:

"As a Coloradan, I can tell you the toll of legalized marijuana has been intense.. Clouds of marijuana smoke cover the city of Denver and a state once known as destination for health and fitness has become known for drug use. The multi-billion-dollar marijuana industry places billboards, posters, stickers, and ads on every form of media across the state encouraging use of high-THC edibles such as ice cream, gummies, and brownies. They have even used cartoon characters to promote their products in my state. I urge you to consider the consequences of this environment when you think about the future of your state."

Ron Importico, a New Jersey employer, cited workplace issues as his major area of concern:

"I have great concerns about how I will protect my companies interest should recreational marijuana become legal in NJ, it has taken me over 33 years to build an impressive fortune 500 customer base. With more people using marijuana as we can expect from the finding in Colorado and Washington, I would have to recruit personnel outside of New Jersey to meet the testing requirements so we may continue to work on their sites. Large businesses in Colorado also now state that after legalization, they have had to hire out-of-state residents to find employees that can pass a pre-employment drug screen.

David Evans, a former New Jersey public defender and head of the state's DUI program, cited impairment issues as a major area of concern:

"Marijuana impairs your brain and hurts your ability to drive safely. It has contributed to car crashes, suicide, and a host of other negative issues."

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.*

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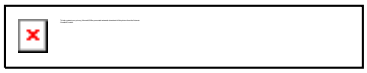

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COALITION OF PARENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND EMPLOYERS TESTIFY AGAINST MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AT LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS HEARING

At a hearing of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus this week, coalition members of New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) expressed their opposition to the legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana in New Jersey.

Parents, law enforcement professionals, religious leaders, employers, and addiction professionals offered their testimony, insights and expertise on a multitude of issues including health concerns, increase in youth use, drugged driving, and arrest rates among minorities.

LEGISLATORS INTRODUCE BI-PARTISAN SOCIAL JUSTICE LEGISLATION

NJ-RAMP and SAM Action announced their support for bi-partisan legislation addressing social justice issues surrounding marijuana. NJ-RAMP and SAM officials joined Senator Ron Rice, Senator Robert Singer, legislators, and coalition members in supporting legislation that decriminalizes low-level marijuana use.

"Non-violent drug offenders - regardless of the drug - should not be saddled with criminal records that would jeopardize their recovery and reintegration into our communities," said Representative Patrick Kennedy, co-founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "Our organizations strongly support this thoughtful approach to decriminalization that brings compassion toward minorities disproportionately affected by drug charges and those suffering from substance abuse disorders. Communities are healthier and safer when these reforms are coupled with prevention and treatment programs."

"At a time when the commercial marijuana industry is putting extreme pressure on New Jersey lawmakers to legalize recreational marijuana, we applaud Senators Rice and Singer for taking a step back and tackling meaningful social justice reforms," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its affiliate, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy.

NJ-RAMP IN THE NEWS

WNYC: Opponents of Recreational Marijuana Legalization Show Up in Force at Black Caucus Hearing

VIDEO: A new video supporting bipartisan social justice legislation can be seen here!

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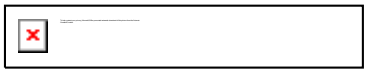

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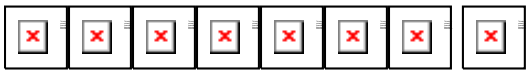

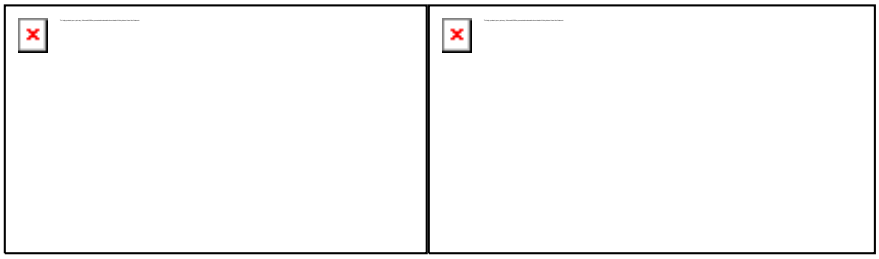

Dear Fellow Garden Stater,

As you know, the discussion about legalization in our state is heating up. Our opposition, which includes groups funded by the tobacco and marijuana industries, are sweating because the idea no longer carries with it the sense of inevitability it might have had a few months back. And that is because of all of our hard work!

To that end, we've produced an anti-legalization toolkit you can use in your community. You can use this toolkit to write op-eds, advocate for local bans, meet with legislators, convene community town-halls, and many other things. We're excited to be releasing it today!

Together, we win! Thanks for your work,

Grace Hanlon

Director

NJ Responsible Approaches to Marijuana (NJ-RAMP), an affiliate of SAM Action

What People Are Saying about Pot in NJ

Kristin Ziobro, a parent who tragically lost her son from a heart arrhythmia induced by cannabis with 28% THC, spoke out against the dangers of recreational marijuana:

"I am compelled to raise awareness of the considerable risks and implications of smoking marijuana because I don't believe the public is aware of these dangers. And I feel in my heart of hearts, if Michael knew the full implications of smoking marijuana with high levels of THC, he would be alive today."

Kevin Sabet, former drug policy adviser to President Obama and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its New Jersey affiliate, NJ-RAMP, summarized numerous studies from academic journals that indicate the dangers of widespread marijuana use:

"Regardless of good intentions, legalization is bad policy. It will increase marijuana use (including among children), make New Jersey roads more dangerous, reduce businesses' productivity, and target communities of color. It will also not help New Jersey's budget due to the costs of implementing the program and dealing with its consequences. And, ironically, it will not reduce black marketeering or criminal activity surrounding the drug."

Todd Raybuck, a police captain in Las Vegas, Nevada, discussed the increase in crime and strengthening of the black market since recreational marijuana was legalized:

"The lure of increased tax revenue and claims of a regulated system that will eliminate the criminal element and repair historical harms to the minority community is intoxicating. Yet, as we are learning in Nevada, the financial gains from the marijuana industry do not adequately support the resources needed to control the effects of marijuana legalization. And, the promises of a regulated industry that will weed-out the illegal marijuana market and improve social conditions in disadvantaged neighborhoods are contrary to the reality.

"The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is already seeing a negative impact on crime and the black market. In 2017, homicides related to an altercation over drugs increased 21% compared to 2016. Marijuana was the cause of the altercation in 53% of those homicides. In 2017, 58% of all drug related murders (24) involved marijuana."

Will Jones, Communications Specialist for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a resident of Washington, DC, spoke about the false promise of social justice reform and pointed to statistics that show minority arrests related to marijuana are up in legalized states. In the two years after Colorado legalized marijuana, the number of Hispanic and Black kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent, respectively. In the same period, the number of White kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent:

"To continue to legalize and commercialize marijuana is to continue to allow an addictive industry to profit off minorities and the marginalized. It's time for us to wake up and realize that legalizing marijuana only reinforces the pillars of racial inequality in our country."

Luke Niforatos, Chief of Staff for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a 20-year resident of Colorado, talked about the impact of quality-of-life and tourism:

"As a Coloradan, I can tell you the toll of legalized marijuana has been intense.. Clouds of marijuana smoke cover the city of Denver and a state once known as destination for health and fitness has become known for drug use. The multi-billion-dollar marijuana industry places billboards, posters, stickers, and ads on every form of media across the state encouraging use of high-THC edibles such as ice cream, gummies, and brownies. They have even used cartoon characters to promote their products in my state. I urge you to consider the consequences of this environment when you think about the future of your state."

Ron Importico, a New Jersey employer, cited workplace issues as his major area of concern:

"I have great concerns about how I will protect my companies interest should recreational marijuana become legal in NJ, it has taken me over 33 years to build an impressive fortune 500 customer base. With more people using marijuana as we can expect from the finding in Colorado and Washington, I would have to recruit personnel outside of New Jersey to meet the testing requirements so we may continue to work on their sites. Large businesses in Colorado also now state that after legalization, they have had to hire out-of-state residents to find employees that can pass a pre-employment drug screen."

David Evans, a former New Jersey public defender and head of the state's DUI program, cited impairment issues as a major area of concern:

"Marijuana impairs your brain and hurts your ability to drive safely. It has contributed to car crashes, suicide, and a host of other negative issues."

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.

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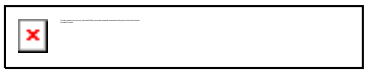

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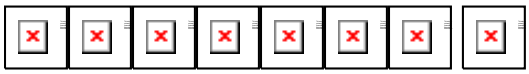

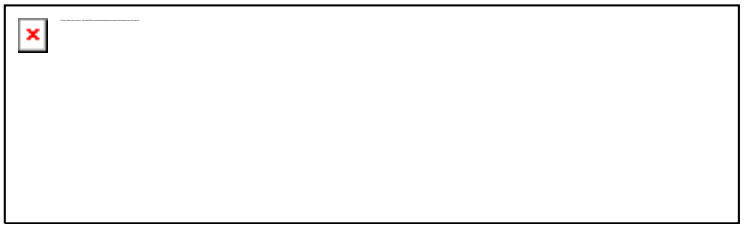

SAM Announces Online Center for Marijuana Resources

Resource Center for Public Health and Public Safety Clinicians and Practitioners Includes Library and Search Tool

Since legalization has been passed in several states, and marijuana normalization has increased, clinicians and practitioners have been faced with numerous challenges. To respond to these needs, today SAM has announced a new online **Center for Marijuana Resources for Public Health and Public Safety Clinicians and Practitioners.**

Click Here to Access the Free Resource Center!

This Resource Center provides clinicians and practitioners in all fields of public health and safety the ability to look up academic references and media articles to find information on a range of issues. The Resource Library has the latest PowerPoints and videos from clinicians and scientists on a range of subjects. The Resource Tool is a continually-updated search engine for articles related to various topics

This is just the beginning. We will soon be adding information such as:

How do I know if my patients have a marijuana use disorder?

Where can I refer people to help?

What are the signs of a co-occurring disorder?

Is marijuana addiction real? What does it look like?

What are some brief interventions that have proven to be effective?

What are the effects of secondhand marijuana smoke?

Starting today, SAM staff will continue to update the center. If you would like to send us a resource to be considered for inclusion, please email us at info@learnaboutsam.org.

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NJ-RAMP WEEKLY UPDATE

New Study Finds One in Four 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana If Legalized

More 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. 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.

The survey reported "a greater proportion of youth than ever predicted they would use marijuana if it were legally available. Historic highs over the 43 years of the study were reached in the percentage of 12th grade students who reported that they would try marijuana if it were legal (15.2%), as well as users who reported that they would use it more often than their current level of use (10.1%). The percentage who reported they would not use marijuana even if it were legal significantly declined to less than 50% for the first time ever over the 43-year life of the study (specifically, to 46.5%)."

Overall, the rate of 12th graders saying they would not use marijuana if it were legalized fell 30% in the last ten years. Additionally, the rate of 12th graders who said they would use more marijuana if it were legal increased by almost 100% in the past decade. These changes are also significant when comparing rates from 2016. Marijua na sales are now allowed in eight states and D.C.

"These findings fly in the face of the Big Marijuana argument that somehow fewer young people will use marijuana if it is legalized," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "The data is clear. As more states move to commercialize, legalize, and normalize marijuana - more young people are going to use today's super-strength drug."

The survey reported that "it is likely that the growing number of states that have legalized recreational marijuana use for adults plays a role in the increasing tolerance of marijuana use among 12th grade students, who may interpret increasing legalization as a sign that marijuana use is safe and state-sanctioned."

The 2017 Monitoring the Future survey, compiled by researchers at the University of Michigan and funded by the National Institutes of Health, is the benchmark for student drug use in the United States.

According to the survey, the combination of low levels of perceived risk when it comes to using marijuana and the low disapproval for regular use sets the stage for "potentially substantial" increases in the use of the substance in the future. In 2017 the proportion of 12th graders who favor legalization of marijuana was at the highest level ever recorded, at 49%.

"This survey confirms what public health advocates have long claimed: as more is done to make THC candies, cookies, sodas, concentrates look innocent and safe, young people are more attracted to them and hold favorable views of them," said Dr. Sabet.. "In states that have loosened their marijuana laws youth use is steadily rising. This is a trend that will continue if we do not pump the brakes on this failed experiment."

Woodcliff Lake, Mahwah are the Latest NJ Towns to Ban Marijuana

The Bergen County Communities of Woodcliff Lake and Mahwah Township joined dozens of New Jersey towns in banning marijuana sales in their municipalities.

Both municipalities passed ordinances to prohibit all marijuana-related companies from doing business in their communities, including dispensaries, cultivation facilities and manufacturing plants.

"The town has done a very good job over the last two decades of educating our kids on drugs," Mahwah Council President Robert Hermansen told The Record. "This is the right message to send."

From Bergen County to Cape May, NJ-RAMP has heard from towns and municipalities across the state that legalizing an addictive drug in the midst of an opioid crisis is bad public policy. These towns and counties-including Governor Murphy's home county of Monmouth-have taken action and passed resolutions and ordinances to ban marijuana dispensaries from their municipalities.

While Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth Counties have passed resolutions opposing the legalization of recreational marijuana, the following New Jersey towns have banned the sale of pot and related products:

Point Pleasant Beach (Ocean), Berkeley (Ocean), Old Bridge (Middlesex), Hazlet (Monmouth), Toms River (Ocean), Hawthorne (Passaic), Hasbrouck Heights (Bergen), Garfield (Bergen), Shrewsbury (Monmouth), Rumson (Monmouth), Wall (Monmouth), Seaside Heights (Ocean), Cranbury (Middlesex), North Caldwell (Essex), Cedar Grove (Essex), Chatham (Union), Spotswood (Middlesex), Mahwah (Bergen), Woodcliff Lake (Bergen), Brigantine (Atlantic), Bridgewater (Somerset), Carlstadt (Bergen), Surf City (Ocean).

IN THE NEWS

Mahwah latest New Jersey town to ban legal weed sales

Former presidential drug policy official advises against legalization of marijuana

The N.J. legal weed bill we've all been waiting on is finally here -- but can it pass?

MUST-SEE VIDEO

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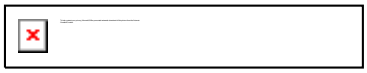

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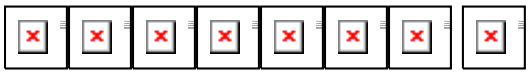

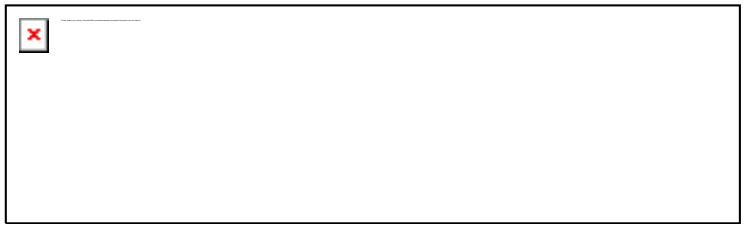

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Legislative Sessions End With Zero States Legalizing Marijuana

Leading Marijuana Policy Group Celebrates Victories as State-Level Marijuana Legalization Bills Fail

[Alexandria, VA] - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action and its state affiliates celebrated the victory of public health and safety over the marijuana industry in states across the country as multiple marijuana legalization bills died at the end of legislative sessions.

In Illinois, Healthy and Productive Illinois (HPI) worked diligently in conjunction with local leaders, including students from Adlai Stephenson High School, to defeat a bill that would have put the question of marijuana commercialization to a ballot initiative. In April, HPI, SAM Action, and Stephenson High School Students held a press conference highlighting a working paper that found marijuana legalization

would cost the state of Illinois upwards of $670 million, far outweighing prospective tax revenues.

In Vermont, several legislators attempted a "Hail Mary" by trying to quickly move a bill to legalize retail sales late in the session. SAM Vermont stepped in and brought about a victory for public health as the bill was overwhelmingly voted down in the House of Representatives.

New Hampshire also joined the states saying no to marijuana legalization this year. In the Granite State, the House voted to send a bill which would have allowed possession of three quarters of an ounce and three plants back to a study committee, which killed the bill for the remainder of the year. New Futures, a SAM Action affiliate, worked diligently within the state to urge legislators to heed the lessons of other states that made the mistake of legalizing marijuana.

Earlier in April, pro-pot advocates were ready to declare victory in Connecticut as a bill to legalize marijuana was passed out of committee. Fortunately, state lawmakers sided with science and health officials over the pot industry and refused to bring the bill to a vote in either chamber before the session expired. Earlier in the year, the Connecticut chapter of SAM (CT-SAM) released a comprehensive cost study finding that marijuana legalization would cost the state $216 million, well exceeding the projected revenue of $113 million.

Finally, while the legalization efforts of pro-pot Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey are not completely defeated, SAM Action and New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) have successfully worked to slow down the effort. Governor Murphy promised to legalize and commercialize marijuana within his first hundred days and 140 days in, he has failed to deliver on that promise thanks to the work of NJ-RAMP, SAM, and other supporters.

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM Action. "The wins in these states call for celebration, but we know Big Marijuana won't give up easily - they have too much money on the line. We won't ever give up either - we have the future of our country on the line."

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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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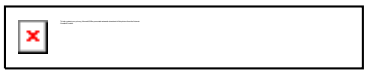

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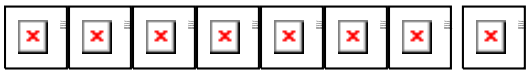

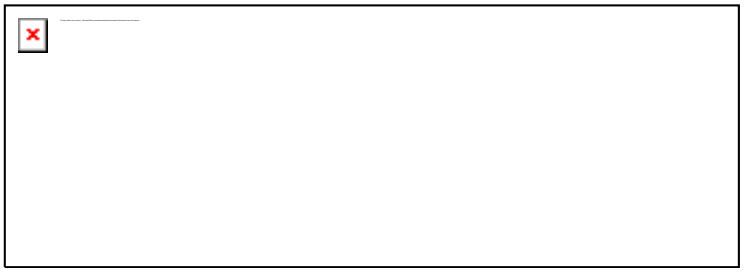

Dear Supporter,

As I am sure that you have heard by now, pro-marijuana Senators Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren introduced a bill last week that would shield the marijuana industry from enforcement of federal law.

Additionally, the bill would smooth other barriers in the law that have been holding the marijuana industry in check. These barriers, such as the lack of banking access, have kept Wall Street investment in the marijuana industry at bay. Should the Gardner/Warren bill pass, these barriers would no longer exist, and Big Marijuana would put pedal to the metal on full blown commercialization of their addiction-for-profit industry.

The fact is, the pot lobby is well-oiled, engaged and has deep pockets..

It is now imperative for those of us opposed to Big Marijuana to put boots on the ground in this fight for public health and safety.

There is no greater time than now to get involved. Would you please consider chipping in with a contribution now by clicking here?

Your contribution, no matter the size, will go far in helping SAM Action identify and activate the grassroots in opposition to not only the Gardner/Warren bill, but also any other pro-pot piece of legislation and ballot initiative as they pop up around the country.

Make no mistake, we are on the right side of history. It is up to all of us to pull our weight in the struggle for public health against the addiction-for-profit cabal.

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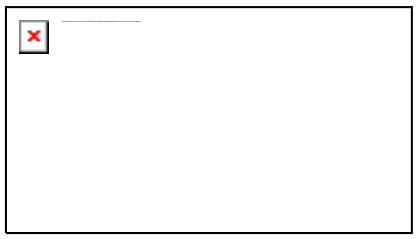

Dr. Kevin Sabet
Founder and President
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action

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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NJ-RAMP UPDATE

This Is No Time to Go to Pot

Legalizing marijuana encourages use of harder drugs and sets back the cause of social justice.

By Patrick Kennedy and Kevin Sabet

https://www.wsj.com/articles/this-is-no-time-to-go-to-pot-1529018027

Sens. Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren have introduced a bill to legalize marijuana at the federal level in the name of "states' rights." In reality, it would give birth to Big Tobacco's successor.

This dangerous proposal would allow the marijuana industry to market high-potency pot candies, gummies and 99% pure extracts (compare that with 5% potent Woodstock weed). With 70% of today's illicit drug users having started with marijuana, not prescription drugs, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, this is exactly the wrong time to legalize pot.

Public-health data from states that have legalized strongly indicate that it is a failed experiment, resulting in more fatalities from driving while stoned, more emergency-room visits and poison-control calls, and more worker accidents and absenteeism.

The Gardner-Warren bill would enable the rapid expansion of businesses that grow, market and distribute high-potency pot products in kid-friendly forms, like candies, gummies and sodas. Marijuana is not a harmless drug, nor is the pot industry made up of responsible corporate citizens. Researchers in Colorado called 400 marijuana dispensaries, pretending to be 8 weeks pregnant and experiencing nausea. Seventy percent of the stores recommended THC products, ignoring the risks of marijuana use during pregnancy. States that have legalized, like Colorado, California and Oregon, grow many times the amount of marijuana they can consume. The excess ends up shipped all over the country.

Congress should not reward Big Marijuana for following the playbook of Big Tobacco. Rather, lawmakers should take a closer look at the public-health outcomes, especially the effect on young people. In a survey last year funded by the National Institutes of Health, 15% of 12th-graders said they would try marijuana if it were legal, and 10% said they would use it more often. The prevalence of annual marijuana use among students in the eighth, 10th and 12th grades rose last year to 24%.

There's proof, too, that marijuana legalization is no step forward for social justice. Two years after Colorado legalized, the number of Hispanic and African-American minors arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29% and 58%, respectively, according to state data; the figure for whites declined 8%. Bringing in more drugs would only hurt minorities further. Big Marijuana routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. In Denver, there are more pot shops than McDonald's and Starbucks combined.

At a time when legalizing recreational marijuana remains a contentious issue of debate, federal lawmakers should not be accelerating the proliferation of an industry that routinely targets children and minority communities. We don't need Wall Street-backed marijuana. Especially not now.

Mr. Kennedy, a former U.S. representative from Rhode Island, is a member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis and author of "A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction." Mr. Sabet, a former drug-policy adviser to three U.S. presidents, is president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action.

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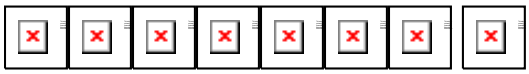
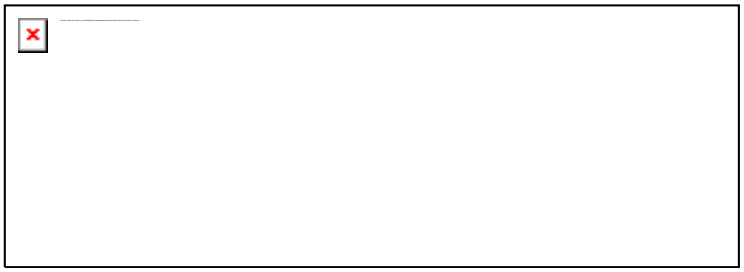




Dear Supporter,

A week ago, the marijuana industry was on the precipice of a major victory.

Big Pot spent massive amounts of money and manhours lobbying Congress to grant the industry banking access, but thanks to your help the House Appropriations Committee voted down the Joyce amendment. This amendment would have put pedal to the metal on Wall Street investment into the sales and marketing of pot candies, cookies, and ice creams.

Public health took on Big Pot, and public health won.

The fact is, granting banking access to the marijuana industry would enable money laundering for international drug cartels that are already using the cover of legalization to grow their illegal operations. In Canada, anonymous offshore firms, possibly with connections to organized crime, have already invested heavily into the marijuana industry.

If hedge funds can easily invest in marijuana companies, the industry will metastasize into Big Tobacco within a matter of months. There will be no restrictions to the length of their reach once their billions turn to hundreds of billions and their shops line every street corner of your hometown. This is why we must continue our fight and build on these victories.

Because of the tireless work of SAM Action supporters like you, public health notched a victory in the House, but the fight is not yet settled on this issue.

Tomorrow, the Senate Appropriations committee will meet and debate the Merkley amendment, which is almost identical to the Joyce amendment. They are considering banking access, yet again.

It is urgent that you take action NOW.

Our Government Affairs team is working around the clock with our allies and volunteers such as yourself to shut this amendment down.

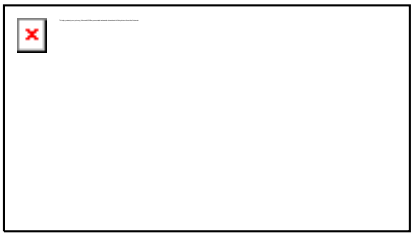
If you can, please click here to chip in with a donation to SAM Action to help us mobilize.

Your donation, no matter the amount, will go far in helping SAM Action implement pushback strategies on the harmful proposals being pushed by pot industry-backed lawmakers.

If you can't chip in with a donation or if you want to help even more, please click here to send a letter to your senator asking them to oppose the Merkley amendment!

We are standing up for public health in this debate and history will smile on our efforts.

Thank you for all that you do.



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P.S. Big Marijuana is spending big to push dangerous amendment through Congress to achieve banking access for marijuana businesses.

Please click here to chip in with a donation to help defeat this proposal, or at the very least, click here to send your senator a letter demanding they oppose the Merkley amendment.

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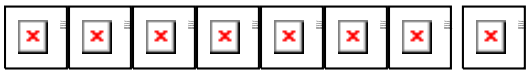

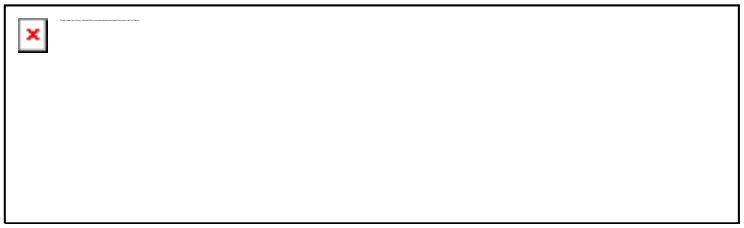

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SAM Applauds FDA Approval of First CBD Medication

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) founder and president, Dr. Kevin Sabet, released the following statement regarding the recent FDA approval of the first cannabidiol medication, Epidiolex:

"Today, the FDA reached a milestone by approving a pure CBD oil medication - Epidiolex - for the treatment of two rare epileptic disorders. This is an important development. Medication should be left up to science, not political ideology, and now desperately ill patients can access this safe and effective medication through doctors and pharmacies.

"Previous research by the FDA found that many of the oils marketed as CBD contained dangerous substances, including high amounts of THC. Medication development should be left up to scientists and the FDA, not a for-profit marijuana industry that bypasses all regulation. Today's decision should be commended."

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottelib made the following important point in his statement this afternoon: "This is an important medical advance. But it's also

important to note that this is not an approval of marijuana or all of its components. This is the approval of one specific CBD medication for a specific use."

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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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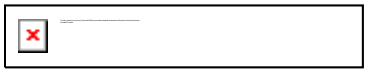

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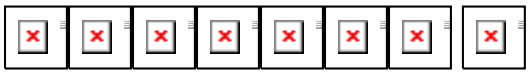

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More Than Half of New Yorkers Oppose Marijuana Legalization, According to New Emerson College Poll

More Than Three Quarters of African-American and Latino Respondents Did Not Support Marijuana Legalization

(New York, NY) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its New York Affiliate, SAM-NY, released the results of a new Emerson College poll finding that the majority of New Yorkers do not support the legalization of marijuana. A plurality support either decriminalization or the current policy.

The poll, conducted by Emerson College -- the same college that recently conducted a poll for pro-marijuana groups Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) and the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) -- found that 56% of respondents favored either keeping the current policy in New York, repealing decriminalization, were unsure, or were in favor or reinstating full criminalization.

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

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.

Finally, the poll found that minority communities overwhelmingly opposed the full legalization of marijuana. Only 22% and 24% of Latinos and African Americans, respectively, supported legalization.

"New Yorkers do not support pot legalization. This poll shows us that elected officials need to slow down," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM Action. "This poll shows similar results to our poll of New York voters in December-- legalization is far from a slam dunk. One of the crucial takeaways from this is that minority communities are firmly opposed to legalization. And they should be -- pot arrests for African American and Latino youth have gone up since legalization in Colorado. Pot Shops are always predominately in lower income neighborhoods."

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About SAM New York

SAM-NY, a project of SAM Action, is a nonpartisan alliance of lawmakers, scientists and other concerned citizens of New York dedicated to responsible marijuana policy that does not include the legalization of addictive substances. Learn more and join us at www.sam-ny.org.

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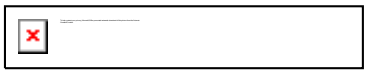

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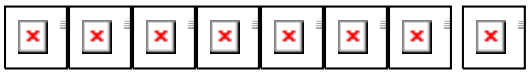
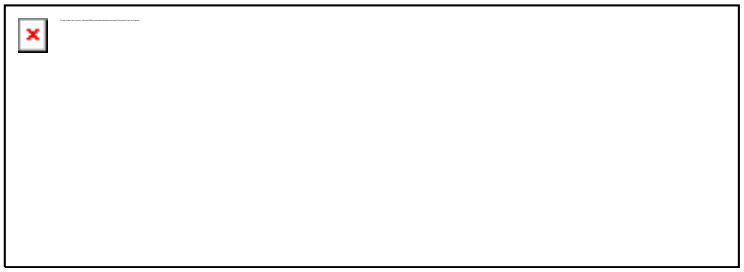




Dear Friend,

As you might have seen, New York Senator Chuck Schumer introduced a bill on Wednesday that would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act... essentially legalizing it at the federal level.

This bill would make it legal to manufacture and sell 99% pure THC extracts, candies, gummies, and other edibles. What's worse, because the U.S. Department of Transportation derives its drug testing regulations from the Controlled Substance Act, the bill would essentially end the ability to perform random drug tests for marijuana for DOT licensees, including pilots and truck drivers.

Another shocking takeaway from this bill: it removes the ability of the National Forest system to police highly dangerous illegal grows, which have been devastating to the ecology of National Forests with pesticides and illegal water diversion and are also connected to foreign cartels.

By all accounts, Senator Schumer and his staff were so excited to start getting checks from the marijuana industry, they slapped together a half-baked proposal without giving a single thought to the potential damages.

It is one thing when junior level senators and representatives introduce bills, but it is an entirely different scenario when the Senate Minority Leader introduces a bill that is such a blatant giveaway to Big Marijuana.

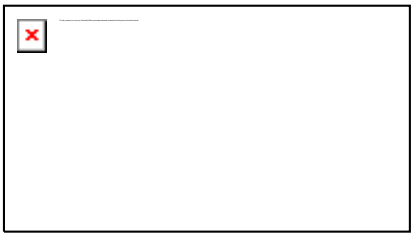
Friend, this is what we are up against.

The pot industry is showering lawmakers with money and gaining influence, but this fight is far from over. As evidenced by the many victories our supporters have been able to accomplish at both the state and federal level this year, we know we can stop this train.

If you can, please click here to chip in with a donation to SAM Action to help us mobilize.

If we are going to win the struggle for public health, it is going to take small sacrifices from advocates who believe in the cause, and I am thankful to be in the trenches everyday with all of you.

Thank you for all that you do.



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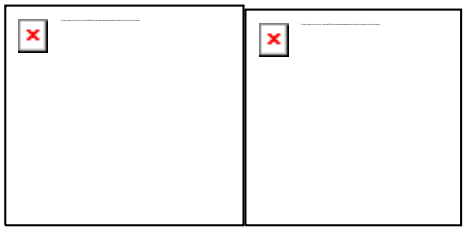
News Roundup

June 2018

There have been some phenomenal public health victories this month! Together, we are making a difference!

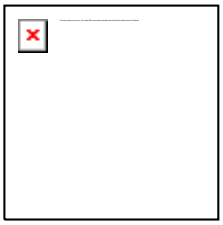
US House and Senate Committees Vote Down Marijuana Banking Amendment in a Victory for Public Health



In a tremendous loss for the marijuana industry, the House Appropriations Committee voted down the Joyce amendment and the Senate struck down the Merkley amendment.. These amendments would have granted marijuana businesses that develop and market high potency THC candies, gummies, cookies and other kid-friendly products access to the federal banking system.

"The industry paid a lot of money in an attempt to open the floodgates for

Several States Reject Legalization in 2018



In five states so far this year, measures to legalize and commercialize recreational marijuana has been defeated.

Illinois, Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware and Connecticut all saw dangerous proposals to commercialize marijuana defeated in their respective legislatures. In New Jersey, pro-pot Governor Phil Murphy promised to legalize and commercialize marijuana within his first hundred days in office. Now, over 150 days in, he has failed and marijuana advocates are feeling the heat.

investment, and the amendment was still defeated.. Today, public health took on Big Pot-and public health won."

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet.

SAM Education Summit - August 22, 2018 - Anaheim, California

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!

Featured Speakers

- **Candace Lightner**

  : Founder & CEO of WeSaveLives

- **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

- **Kevin Sabet, PhD**

  : Founder and President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

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

You must register for the National Conference on Alcohol & Addiction Disorders to attend the SAM Summit this year.

We have a very limited amount of discounted tickets!

Click **here NOW for discounted registration**!

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Chuck Schumer Introduces "Half-Baked" Marijuana Legalization Bill

SAM Applauds FDA Approval of First CBD Medication for Epilepsy Patients

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer recently introduced a bill that would essentially legalize marijuana at the federal level, amounting to a huge giveaway to the marijuana industry.

"Senator Schumer's bill is half baked. In an attempt to merely provide a large giveaway to the pot industry, it also makes huge mistakes that will be catastrophic for public health and safety. The elimination of random drug testing for pilots and truck drivers should have given Senator Schumer pause before embarking down this reckless path."

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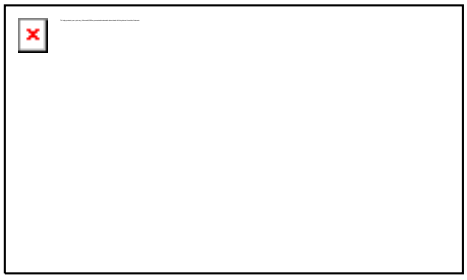
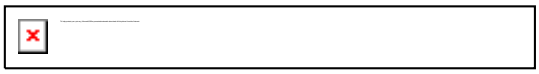
New Study: One in Four 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana If Legalized



SAM Board Chair Jon Talcott & Dr. Kevin Sabet: Let's not pour gasoline on the marijuana legalization dumpster fire



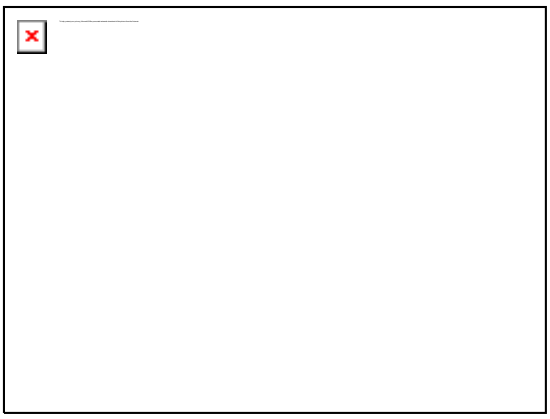
More 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. Specifically, one in four 12th graders thought that they would try marijuana, or that their use would increase, if marijuana were legalized.

"These findings fly in the face of the Big Marijuana argument that somehow fewer young people will use marijuana if it is legalized," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "These data are clear. As more states move to commercialize, legalize, and normalize marijuana - more young people are going to use today's super-strength drug.

At a time when the black market is flourishing in states with legalized marijuana, the proposed banking amendment would enable the rapid expansion of businesses that grow, market, and distribute high-potency pot products in kid-friendly forms, like candies, gummies, and sodas.

One of the side effects of the amendment would be to enable money laundering for international drug cartels who are already using the cover of legalization to grow their illegal businesses. Canada's experience can also shed light on this reckless policy. Anonymous offshore firms, possibly with links to organized crime, have already invested heavily into Canada's marijuana industry.

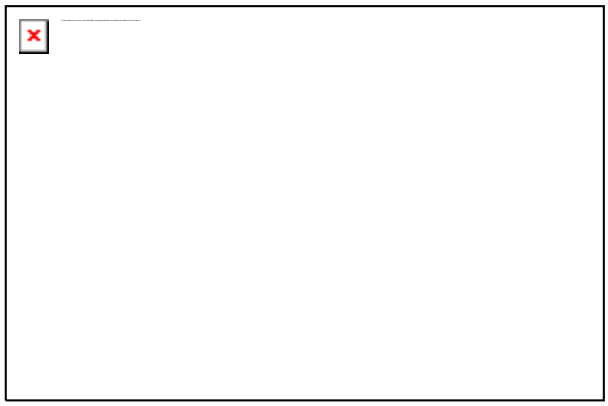
Colorado Senator Cory Gardner Introduces Bill to Shield Marijuana Industry from Federal Law



After teasing that he had received a promise from the president to protect the marijuana industry in Colorado, Senator Cory Gardner introduced a bill that would shield the marijuana industry in states that have liberalized their marijuana laws from federal enforcement.

"While Senator Gardner is calling this a 'states' rights' approach, this bill essentially amounts to the federal legalization of marijuana. The bill would shield the pot industry in states that have liberalized their drug policies and prevent the enforcement of federal law," said Dr. Kevin Sabet. "Additionally, the bill would grant marijuana businesses access to the federal banking system, allowing Wall Street investment on an unprecedented scale."

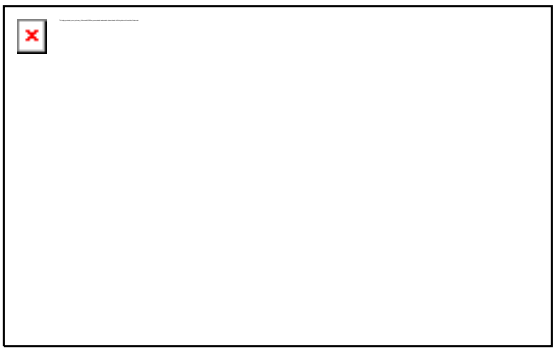
SAM Praises Results from California and Massachusetts Votes on Marijuana Businesses



The marijuana industry was handed two defeats in California and one in Massachusetts this month as three cities voted overwhelmingly to prevent marijuana businesses from selling their addicting wares on their street corners.

"Essentially, folks in California and Massachusetts are saying they do not want pot in their neighborhoods," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM. "These results show that people do not want THC candies, cookies, and gummies in their community. They're sick of Big Tobacco and they do not want Big Marijuana."

From the WSJ: This is No Time to Go to Pot



SAM founders former Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Dr. Kevin Sabet penned a recent oped for the Wall Street Journal discussing the harms of marijuana legalization and the recent bill introduced by Senators Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren.

"At a time when legalizing recreational marijuana remains a contentious issue of debate, federal lawmakers should not be accelerating the proliferation of an industry that routinely targets children and minority communities."

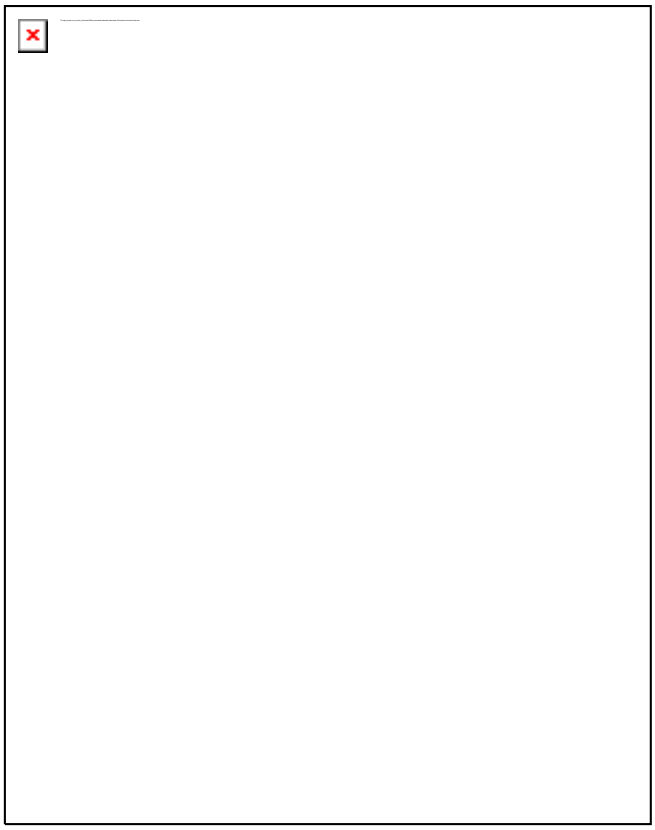
SAM Statement on Marijuana Legalization in Canada

"Despite warnings and opposition from major medical groups, and international treaties outlawing the legal sales of marijuana, Canada has, on a mainly party-line vote, sided with the mariijuana industry and legalized the drug for those 18 and older. As expected, investors are in a frenzy to make money, and they are seizing on the fact that several pro-health amendments to the law were defeated.

"We at SAM - in both countries - will keep lawmakers and the industry accountable. We cannot allow the massive Big Marijuana industry to railroad public health. We will be working with government and private industry to reduce the consequences of this ill-conceived piece of legislation."

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.



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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,

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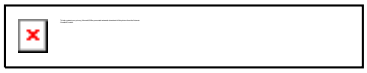

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Subject: DATA: Marijuana Legalization Leads to Massive Increase in Youth Exposure

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New Data From Washington State Show Marijuana Legalization Leads to Massive Increase In Youth Exposure to Substance

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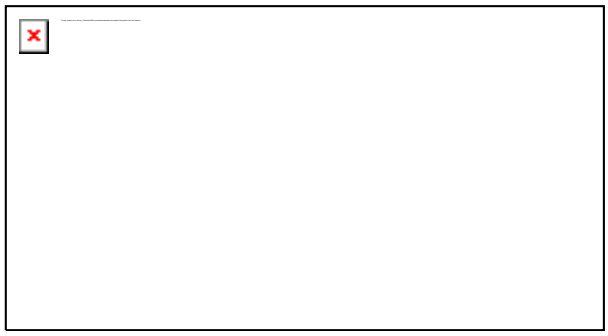
In 2017, there were 378 total marijuana exposures reported to the Washington State Poison Center. This number is an all-time high for reported marijuana exposures and is an increase of 87 incidents from the previous year.



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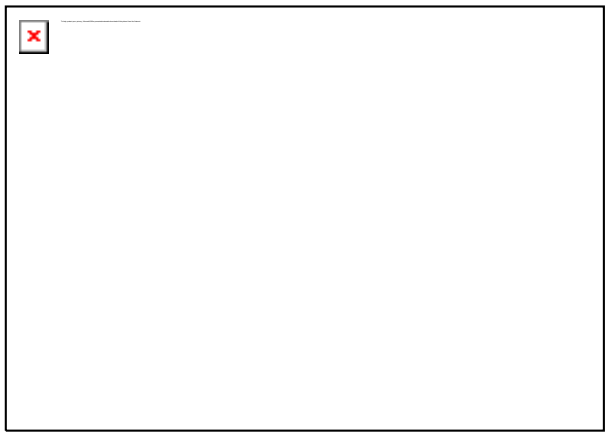

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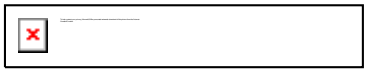

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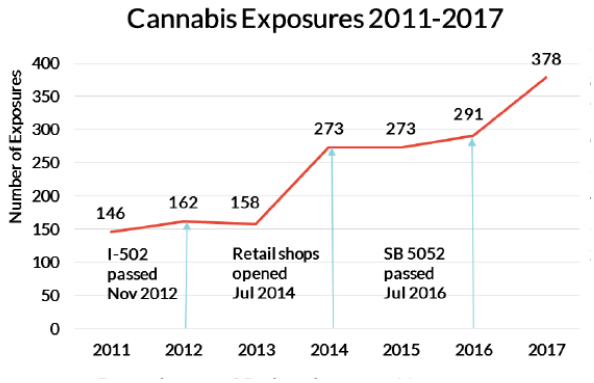

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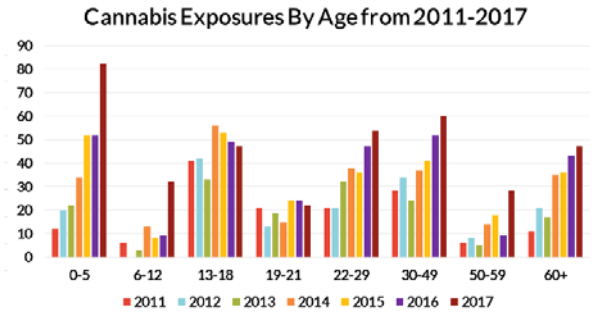

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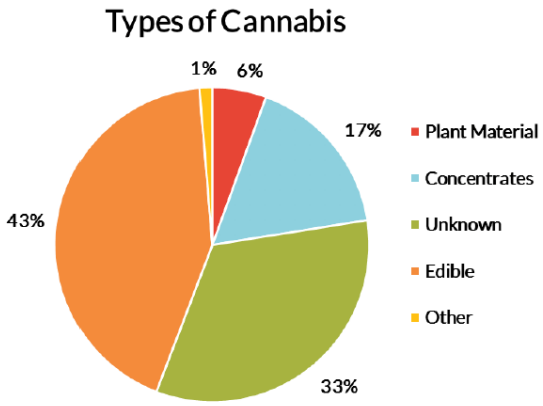

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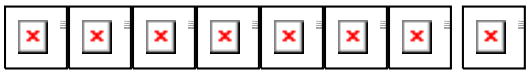

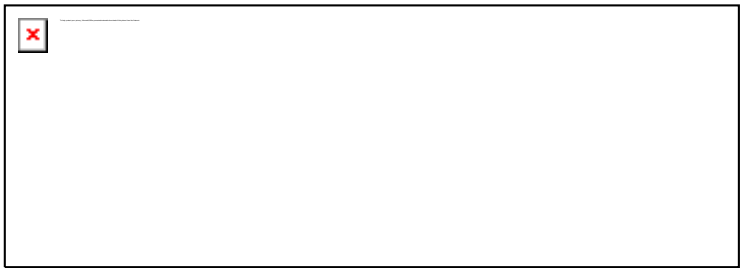

Dear Friend,

By now I am sure that you have heard about the recent developments out of Oklahoma: medical marijuana was legalized in the state as a result of millions of marijuana industry dollars being dumped into a ballot measure.

This wasn't the outcome we had hoped for, but we have worked hard and won some victories to keep this law as narrow as possible.

The state Board of Health voted this week to ban the sale of smokable marijuana and require that dispensaries have a pharmacist on staff. These regulations resulted from a coordinated pushback from businesses, law enforcement, doctors, and hospitals.

Unsurprisingly, these regulations are not popular with Big Marijuana.

Oklahoma staff members who worked on drafting these regulations have reported receiving threats from marijuana supporters this week.

But that isn't even the most interesting part of this story.

Before the ink is even dry on the new medical marijuana law, the same groups that collected signatures to put medical marijuana on the ballot are now collecting signatures to put full legalization on the ballot in November... and they are apparently already over halfway to the amount needed.

As you know, SAM supports medications based on marijuana that go through the FDA approval process. In fact, we hailed a decision last month to approve a CBD medicine for desperately ill kids.

But medical marijuana initiatives such as Oklahoma's are nothing more than a trojan horse for full legalization. It's about money. Profits. And Big Pot.

This is why you and I must do everything in our power to push back on the marijuana industry and expose their true purpose: becoming the next Big Tobacco.

SAM is working around the clock, in multiple states fighting to expose both the harms of marijuana and the addiction-for-profit industry that is spending millions on lobbyists and smooth-tongued political operatives.

Can we count on you to support our efforts with even a small donation of $10?

Your donation, no matter the size, will go a long way in helping us continue standing up for public health and safety and is the easiest way you can lend a hand.

If you can't give, at least click here to share this with a friend to help grow our community of advocates that are putting people before profits and pushing back against Big Marijuana.

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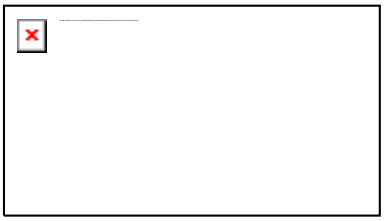

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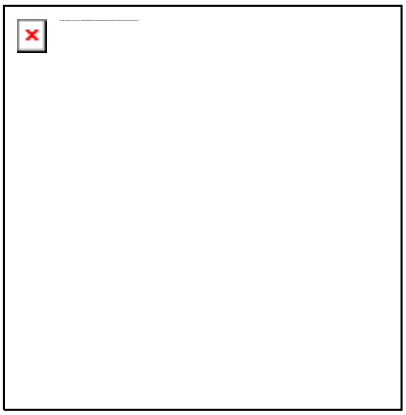

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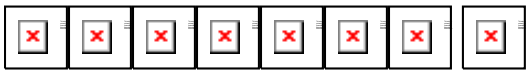

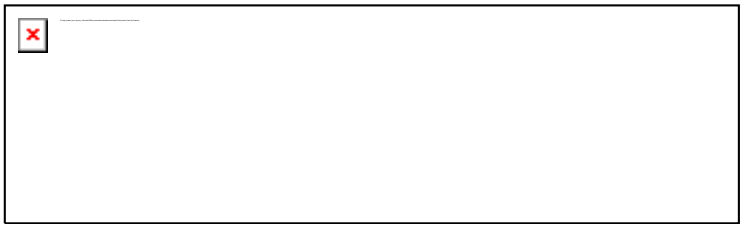

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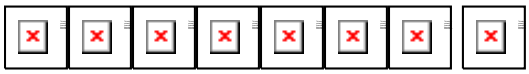

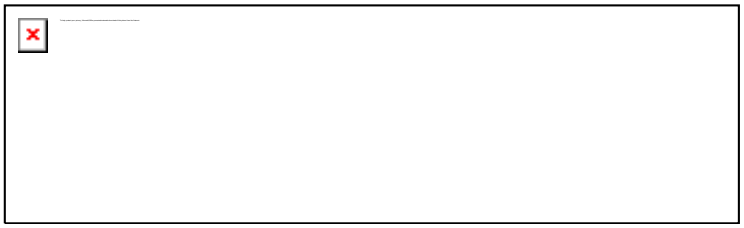

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"It is unconscionable - and illegal - to promote the production and commercialization of pot candies, cookies, and other edibles in the US market. We are calling on NASDAQ to immediately stop working with Tilray and other marijuana companies.

"These companies are no different than Big Tobacco, except that they are illegal. They continue to inflate their value and have no way of ensuring their products are safe. The liability for investors and sellers alike is enormous.

"We will continue to name and shame these companies as they profit off of addiction. We will also continue our meetings with the Department of Justice on these matters."

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.

Tilray is owned by U.S. based company Privateer Holdings which is one of the founders of the New Federalism Fund. The New Federalism Fund has contracted with Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck to lobby Congress on changing federal law to be more advantageous to the marijuana industry.

SAM has requested a meeting with Nasdaq and the Securities and Exchange Commission to discuss the harms to public health of promoting the interests of Big Marijuana.

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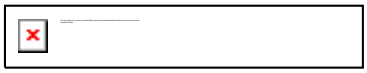

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Dear friends,

We wanted to make sure you had seen four key studies from the past week:

- A groundbreaking study in *The Lancet* found that marijuana use over four years actually **made it harder for patients to cope with chronic pain**, and **did not reduce their use of opioids**.
- A study in *Frontiers in Psychiatry* found that increasing self-exposure to non-medical marijuana was a predictor of **greater odds of opioid dependence** diagnosis.
- A study in the *International Review of Psychiatry* found an **increased rate of serious mental illness** in states that had legalized medical marijuana.
- In JAMA: "(The) associated acute and long-term psychoactive effects on brain function (of marijuana) are...known. Expanding use of cannabis among pregnant and lactating women (as likely will occur with legalization) may lead to **increased risk from fetal and child exposures** if the teratogenic potential of cannabis remains underappreciated."

Additional Resources on Link Between Marijuana and Opioids

These articles follow other warnings from medical professionals: the recent editorial published in the Journal of the Society for the Study of Addiction, which cautions against drawing policy conclusions from population studies, and the editorial comment from the American Society of Addiction Medicine on February 20, 2018. And don't forget NIDA's **rigorous study showing pot users are twice as likely to have abused opioids and have an opioid use disorder than non-marijuana users**.

SAM has published a one-pager describing the overwhelming link between marijuana and opioid abuse. While not every marijuana user will go on to use heroin, **nearly all heroin users previously abused marijuana**. We need smart policies that discourage use, get people back on their feet, and restore people to participate in and contribute to society. States that have legalized marijuana, by contrast, see increased drugged driving, increased arrests of minority youth, and increased emergency room visits. Colorado is experiencing the highest number of drug overdoses in its history. Legalization is a failed experiment.

Please visit learnaboutsam.org to learn about a smarter approach.

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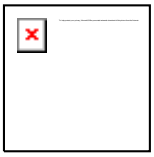

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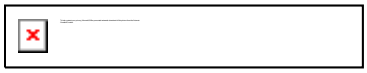

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Subject: Dr. Kevin Sabet in the Boston Globe: The Dangers of Pot

Dear friend,

The piece shared below is a new opinion editorial written by SAM founder and president, Dr. Kevin Sabet, that was published today in the *Boston Globe.*

Please feel free to send this to your network by clicking here and also share on social media by clicking the links above.

Thanks for all you do.

The Dangers of Pot

By Kevin Sabet

July 25, 2018

Pot shops will soon be officially open for business in Massachusetts. While this may be good news for the marijuana industry and its lobbyists, state officials need to proceed with caution - especially when regulating high-potency pot products such as gummies, lollipops, and other treats aimed at children. The fact is that we really don't know what's in these products, nor do we know about their long-term effects. More awareness is desperately needed about the dangers of today's highly potent marijuana. Public health - not the pot industry - should be leading this conversation.

Make no mistake: Pot is no longer about Woodstock - it's about Wall Street. Replicating the playbook of Big Tobacco, the marijuana industry routinely manufactures and markets kid-friendly products with the intent of creating life-long customers. Some of these new edibles and vaping extracts are 99 percent THC, the ingredient in marijuana that gets you high. Compare this to the 5 percent potency of the average joint in the 1970s.

While more research and data are needed to understand what these newly engineered products do to your brain, the negative impact of marijuana commercialization is already being felt in other legalized states. In the years since these states moved to liberalize their pot laws, drugged driving deaths have increased, emergency room visits have risen, and more young people are using marijuana. Last month, the National Institutes of Health released a study finding that 1 in 4 12th-graders reported that they would try marijuana for the first time, or use it more often, if marijuana were legalized.

That's why it is so critical to launch an aggressive public health education campaign in our schools and communities. Studies have shown that children who use any drug are more likely to develop an addiction or substance-use disorder. According to the Center on Addiction, 90 percent of all addictions start during adolescence, and 17 percent of adolescents and teens who begin using marijuana develop a marijuana-use disorder. Our brains are rapidly developing - and are highly susceptible to addiction - until at least our mid-20s. Industries that depend on addicted users have always targeted the young and vulnerable.

What the marijuana industry will not tell you is that regular, heavy marijuana use during adolescence is associated with an 8-point drop in IQ - a loss that is not reversed when marijuana use stops. We also know from several studies that heavy marijuana use among adolescents is associated with lower grades and exam scores, and a lower satisfaction with life. People who use marijuana are less likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college and more likely to earn less income.

Pot potency should be capped. The marijuana industry's influence on rule-making should be halted. And protections for vulnerable populations should be established and strictly enforced. In Colorado, an undercover study recently found that 69 percent of randomly selected marijuana stores recommended THC products to treat pregnancy-related nausea in the first trimester. Fewer than 1 in 3 of these stores recommended consulting a doctor.

Our choice was never between locking up users or commercializing an addictive substance. But now that we have forsaken a sensible policy of decriminalization for a commercial regime that thrives on addiction, the stakes are too high to let the marijuana industry define the terms of regulation. Public officials have a responsibility to curb industry influence, enforce rigorous THC standards, protect

vulnerable populations, and launch comprehensive public health campaigns. Our children, communities, and families deserve nothing less.

Kevin Sabet is a former three-time White House drug policy official and president of SAM, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

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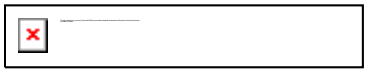

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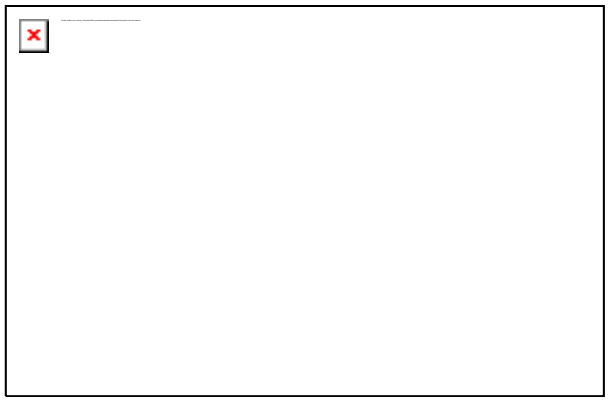
SAM Action Opens Office in Manhattan

(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. To keep up with actions in other states, head over to www.samaction.net, and to learn more about action at the federal level,

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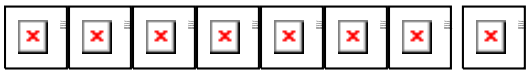

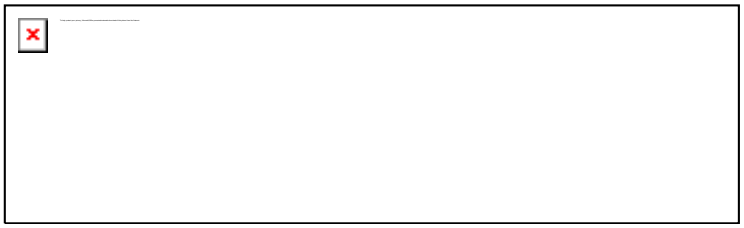

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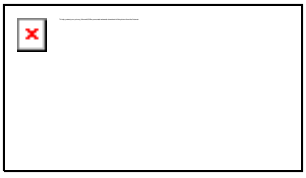

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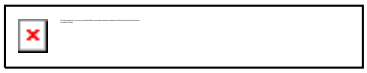

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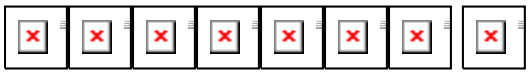

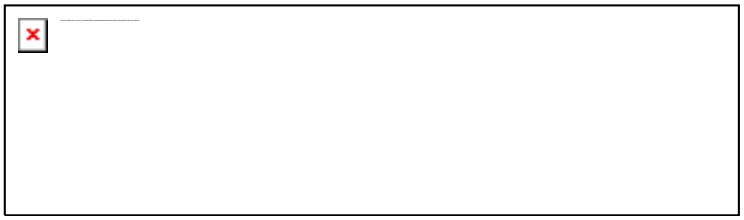

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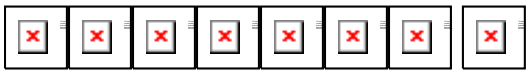

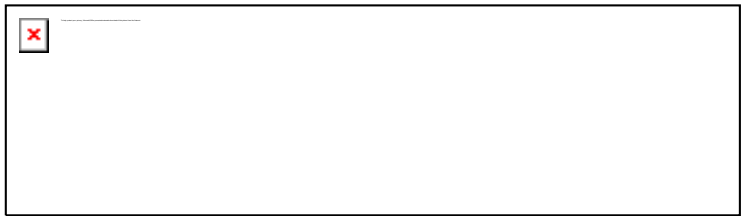

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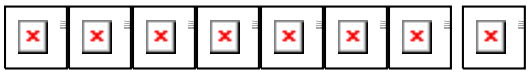

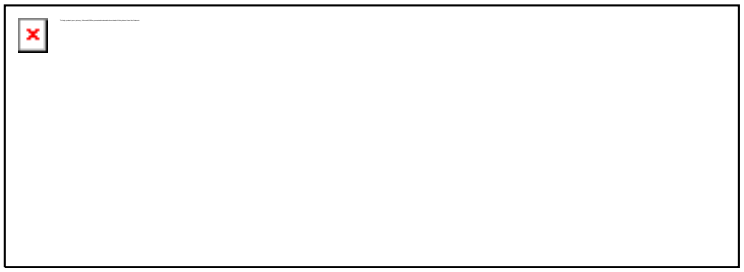

Dear friend,

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,

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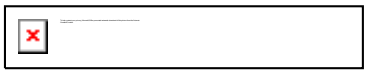

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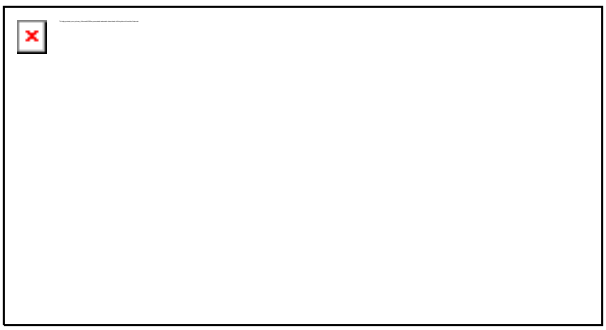

We are proud to announce that Mr. Ben Cort has been added to the lineup of speakers at the 2018 SAM Summit. Ben is an excellent addition to the already star-studded event of the summer. The author of Weed Inc., an expert on addiction treatment, and member of the SAM Board of Directors, Ben will be present 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**!

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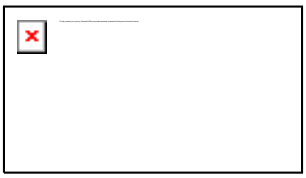

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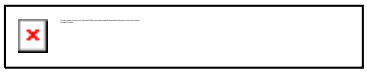

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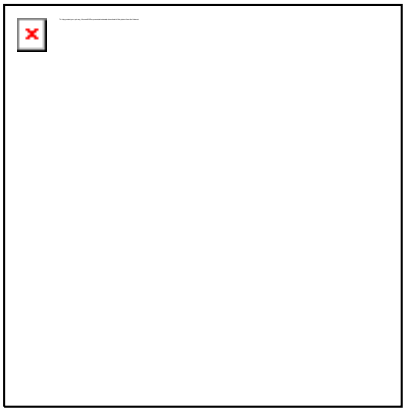
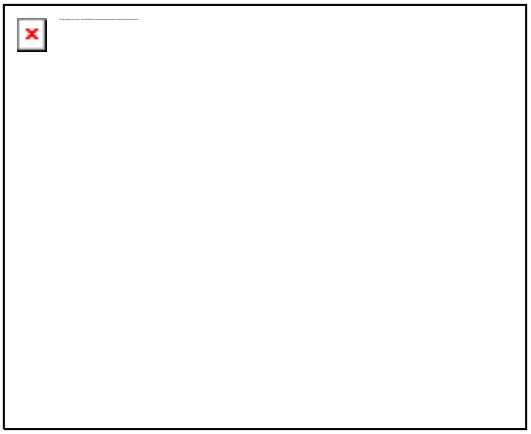
Healthy and Productive Michigan Hires Talented Field Director, Abu Edwards



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.

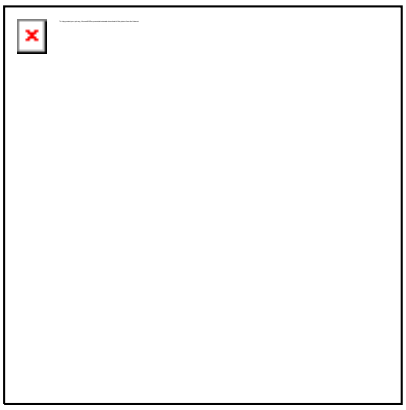
SAM Action Outreach Associate Will Jones Discusses Marijuana's Harms on Communities of Color



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

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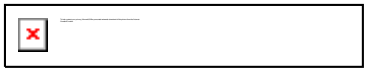

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News Roundup

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 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.

SAM Action Outreach Associate Will Jones joined 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. 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 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

House Rules Committee Shuts Down Two Marijuana Industry-Backed Amendments

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."

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

- **Candace Lightner,** Founder & CEO of WeSaveLives
- **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
- **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:

- Lessons Learned from Marijuana Legalization
- Community Activism - Fighting Back Big Marijuana
- Federal Policy Update
- Adverse Effects on Health Outcomes
- Marijuana-impaired Driving
- Marijuana Legalization's Harms on Social Justice Efforts

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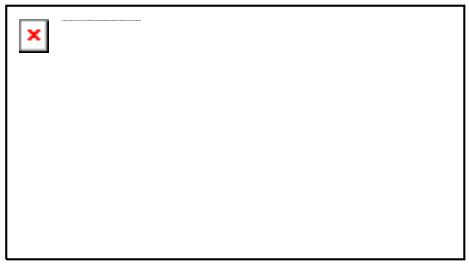
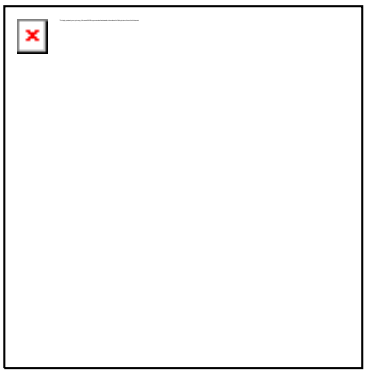
Big Marijuana Comes to Wall Street



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."

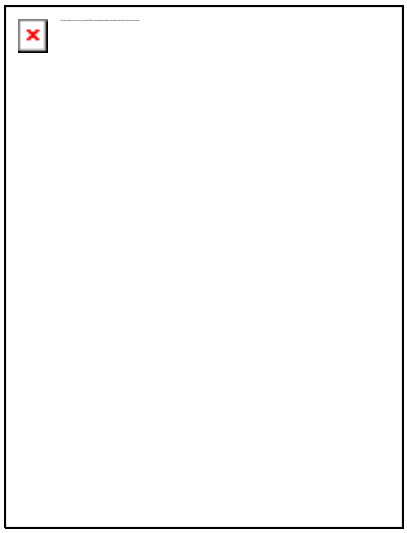
SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet recently sat down with Alex Heath of Cheddar at the Sun Valley Conference in Idaho, a gathering of the world's top leaders in business and innovation.

"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.



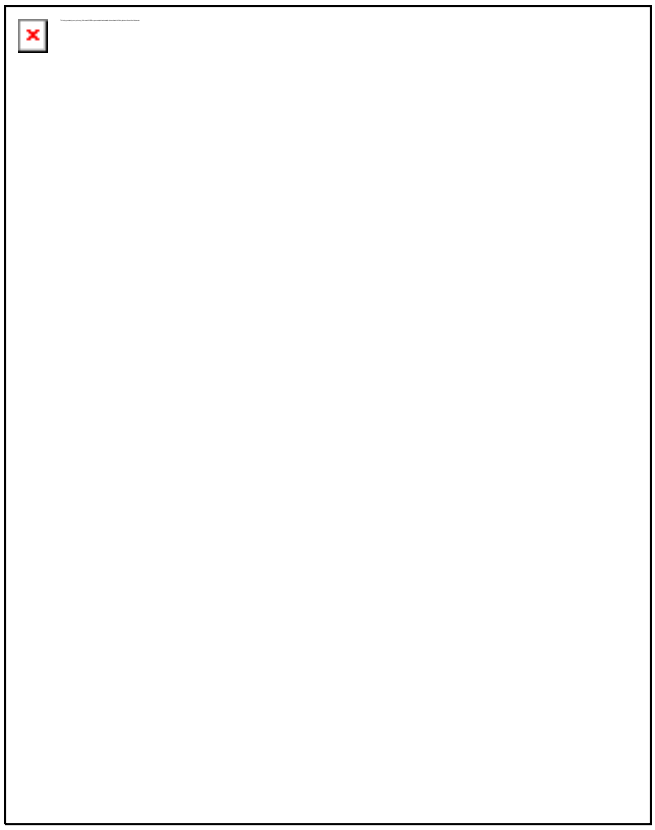
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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

In Health,

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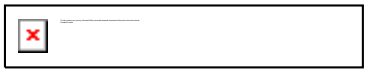

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New Report: Two-Thirds of DUIs in Colorado Test Positive for Marijuana

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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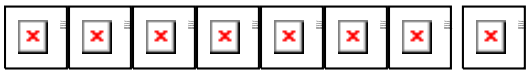

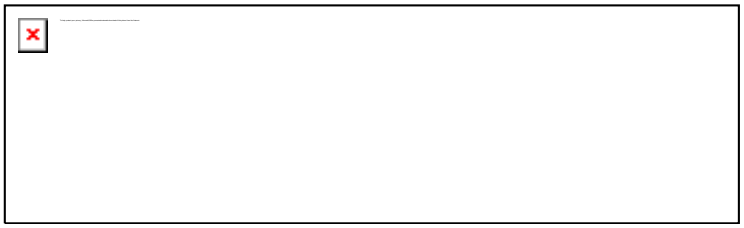

Dear friend,

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
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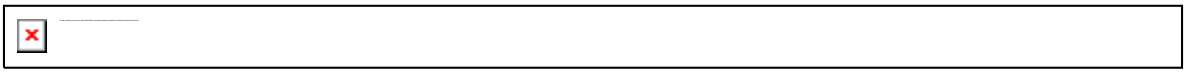

The proliferation of retail boutiques in California did not really bother him, Evan told me, but the billboards did. Advertisements for delivery, advertisements promoting the substance for relaxation, for fun, for health. "Shop. It's legal." "Hello marijuana, goodbye hangover." "It's not a trigger,"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

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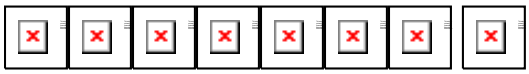

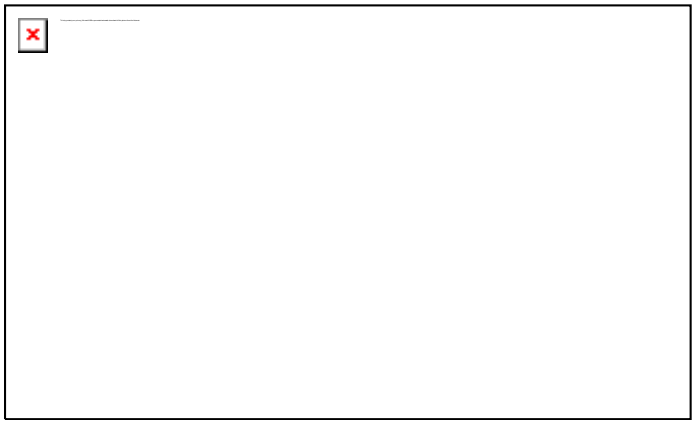

Calling all concerned New Jerseyans - now is the time to fight back against marijuana legalization. We have an important opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children and families!

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

Click here to share this with concerned family, friends, and colleagues.

-Mary Pat Angelini

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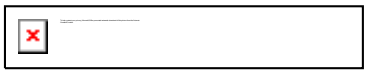

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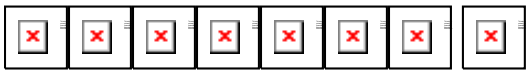
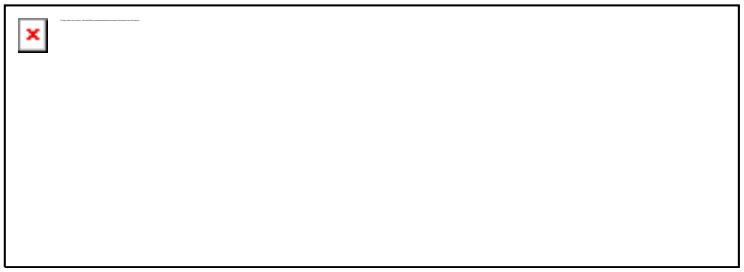
Subject: We must do more...





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.

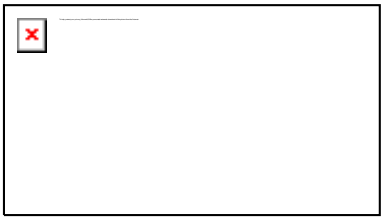
We can't all leave our jobs to dedicate our lives to advocacy like I did and like others are so graciously doing, but we can pick up the phone and call our elected officials and let them know we will not stand quietly on the sidelines while they sell our country out to Big Marijuana.

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,



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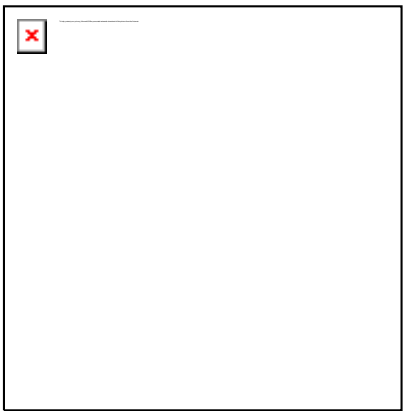

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SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization. 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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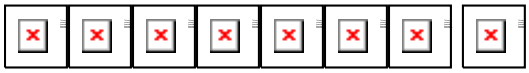

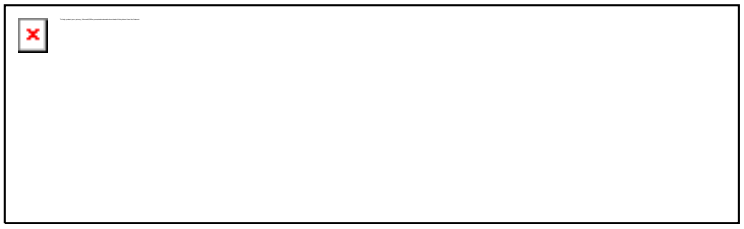

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American Academy of Pediatrics Urges Pregnant and Nursing Mothers to Avoid Marijuana Use

(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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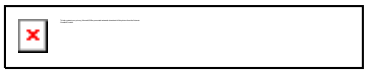

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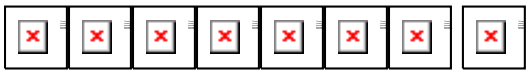

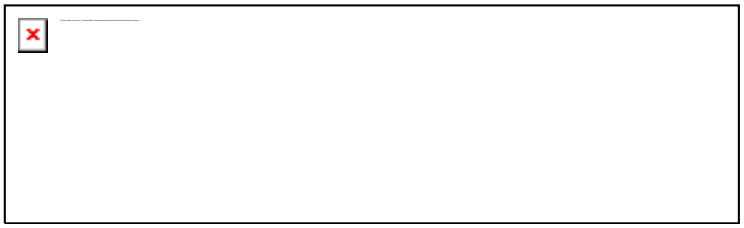

Dear friend,

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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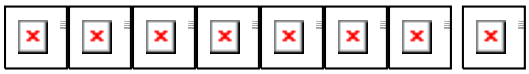
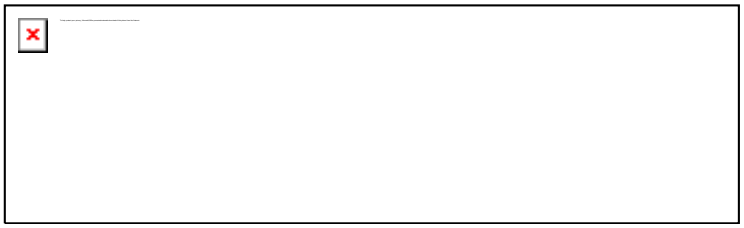




SEPTEMBER: CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH WITH SAM AND THE SAM TOOLKIT!

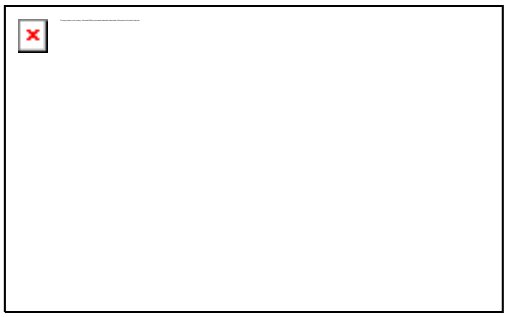
September is National Recovery Month. We at SAM celebrate this month with the whole country. It is a time to remind everyone that marijuana use disorder is real, and recovery happens.

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

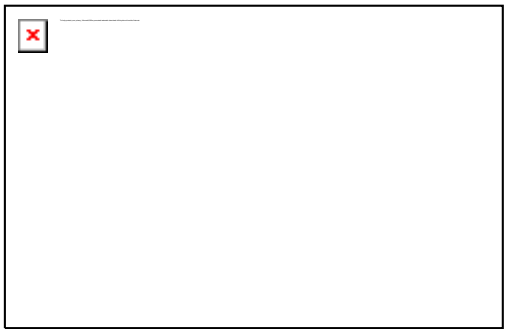
Some key facts to share on social media:

- 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:



On the Road to Recovery: Ben Cort



#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/2oIgAHn

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 sodascolorfully 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.

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Subject: Here's a quick rundown of what SAM was up to in August

News Roundup

August 2018

We hope you had an amazing Labor Day weekend!
Thank you all for the great work you are doing to defend public health and safety. Here is a brief rundown of what we have been up to over the last month.

New Report: Colorado Tests Thousands of Drivers for Pot, Two-Thirds are Positive

Phillip Morris Execs Admit They Are "Looking Into" Expanding Into the Marijuana Industry

In one of the most concerning developments to date, a published report by the state of Colorado found that in 2016, **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. And **53 percent admit they smoked marijuana within two hours of getting behind the wheel**.

"I have read thousands of research reports over the last 25 years - and this one is one of the most alarming.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."

During an interview with Barclays Investments on September 5, 2018, tobacco industry executives from Altria (the parent company of tobacco giant Philip Morris) indicated their interest in taking advantage of marijuana as a new product line:

Q: "Were it (marijuana) legalized, is there any reason to believe that you would have a competitive advantage in the cannabis business, say, relative to a booze company?"

Murray Garnick (Altria):
"Well, it's a hypothetical and actually we're exploring our options. There's nothing more... I can't really go beyond that. We're exploring our options. We're studying and evaluating market opportunities. And obviously, that question is one of the questions we're looking at."

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In order to help you join in the discussion of the importance of recovery from drug addiction, SAM has put together a toolkit full of helpful links to studies highlighting marijuana addiction, inspirational stories and blog posts discussing recovery from addiction, examples of letters to the editors and opinion pieces, one-pages on drugged driving and the link between marijuana use and opioids, and even sample tweets and facebook posts.

For some inspiration, click here to view "On the Road to Recovery" by Ben Cort or here to view #MyTruth by Justin Luke Riley.

Click here to check out the comprehensive toolkit packed with material to keep you informed and active in the discussion all month long. Please use this information to promote the message that marijuana use is on the rise, and recovery is possible with the right tools.

SAM Founder Sits Down With CBC in Canada

"When most people talk about Canada's impending legalization of marijuana, they talk about the future. When Kevin Sabet talks about it, he worries about history repeating.

"There are huge misconceptions, I often feel like we're living in 1918, not 2018," he said."When I say 1918, I mean 1918 for tobacco when everyone thought that smoking cigarettes was no problem and we had a new industry that was just starting."

"We hadn't had tobacco related deaths before the 20th century because we hadn't had a lot of cigarettes, which actually gave us the most deadly form of tobacco we've ever seen. I feel like we're like that with marijuana."

To read the full story and watch the interview, please click here.

The Marijuana Trail: Oregon-Grown Pot Shipped to More than Half the Nation

Op-ed in Washington Examiner: Beware of Increasingly Common Drugged Driving on Labor Day

A new report on marijuana production, distribution and consumption in Oregon is **finding major problems since the legalization of the drug**. The Idaho/Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) report finds there is so much pot in circulation, it's being shipped to more than half the states in the nation. The study also discovered many illicit growth sites are in impoverished counties that could one day see their economy collapse due to falling pot prices.

"The **effects of commercialization on Oregon are painfully clear: more use, more advertising, and more Big Tobacco playbook tactics**. There is no potency limit on pot in Oregon, and Big Marijuana is already producing multiple times the demand for pot, which is fueling a massive black market. It's time we held the industry accountable for its actions."

SAM president and founder, Dr. Kevin Sabet recently penned an oped in the *Washington Examiner* warning Americans to be alert and aware to the dangers of drugged driving over the Labor Day weekend.

Large increases in DUI cases often coincide with holiday weekends, and **drugged driving is becoming more and more common** -- particularly in states that have legalized marijuana.

"In Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana, **the number of drivers under the influence of pot involved in fatal crashes increased 88 percent since legalization**. Also, collision claims in Colorado are 14 percent higher than in nearby states that have not legalized pot.."

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

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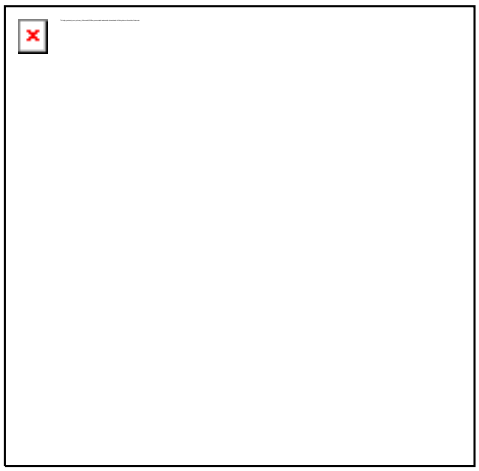
Oped in CalMatters: One Last Drink for the Road?

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

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.

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**...

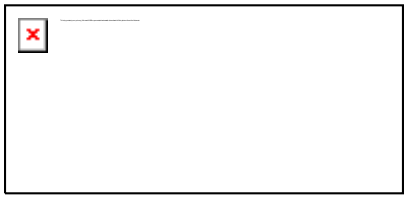
At an event in Chicago, SAM's Outreach Associate Will Jones debated Illinois State Senator Heather Steans on the merits of marijuana legalization. Senator Steans is the author of the bill to legalize the drug in the state.

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

"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.

"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.

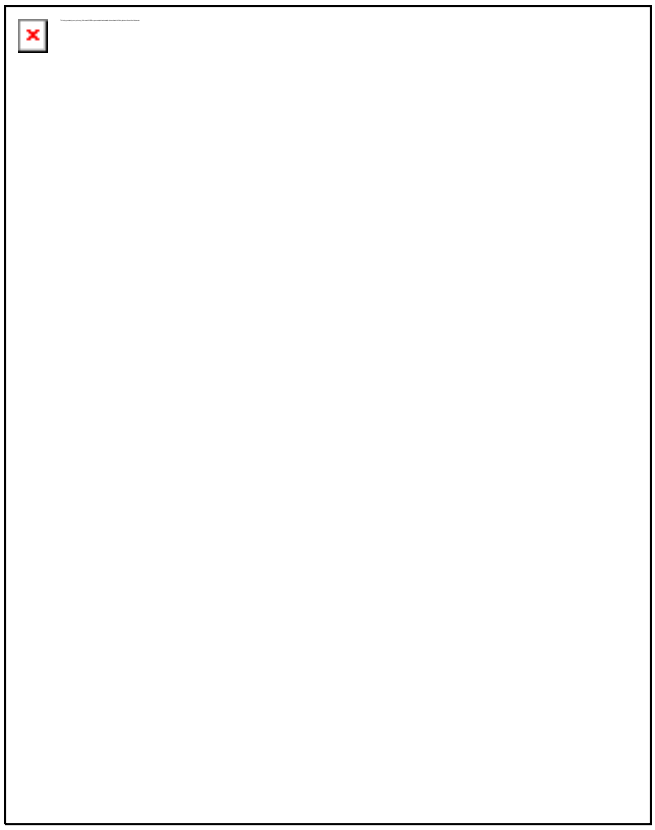
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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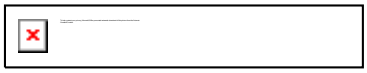

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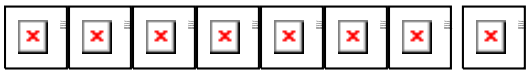
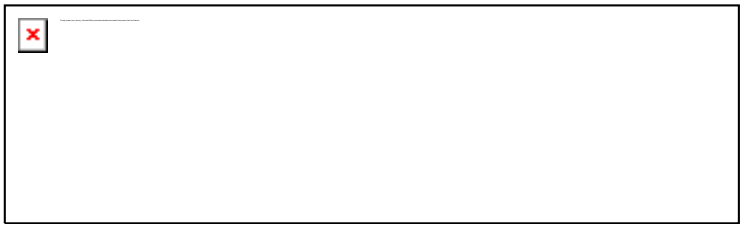
Subject: BREAKING: HHS Reports Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing





New HHS Survey:
Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing;
Youth in Late Teens Using More Marijuana Now Than Any Time in Recent History

For Immediate Release:
September 14, 2018

Contact:
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(Alexandria, Va) - There are now twice as many daily or near daily marijuana users in the US than just a decade ago, according to the most comprehensive survey on drug use released today by the federal government. There are also now 8,300 new marijuana users each day, and 22% of 18 to 25 year olds are currently using the drug--the highest number for all three stats in recent memory.

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"Big Marijuana - just like Big Tobacco years ago - continues to glorify marijuana as a cure-all that can do little or no harm," said Sabet. "If it wasn't for marijuana, overall drug use in this country would be going down. Rising mental health issues, drugged driving crashes, and an increasingly stoned workforce won't help us get ahead. We should put the brakes on marijuana legalization and start a national science-based marijuana awareness campaign similar to successful anti-tobacco campaigns."

NSDUH state-level data, which shows the gulf between use in states with legalized pot versus those with no legalization laws, is expected later this year and not included in this report. The last state estimate report showed Colorado is the #1 state in the country for first time marijuana use among teens.

According to a recent report by SAM, legalized states have seen negative public health and safety consequences, including increased marijuana use and car crashes related to marijuana.

"We shouldn't incarcerate people for marijuana use, but legalization is promoting a commercial industry driving heavy pot use among young people. We need a smarter approach that focuses on prevention, awareness, and recovery," added Sabet.

Research has found that marijuana affects the developing brain negatively, and that most people's brains develop well into their 20s.

SAM will be updating info about NSDUH as we receive the full report.

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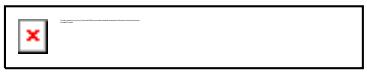

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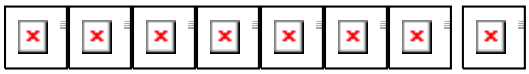
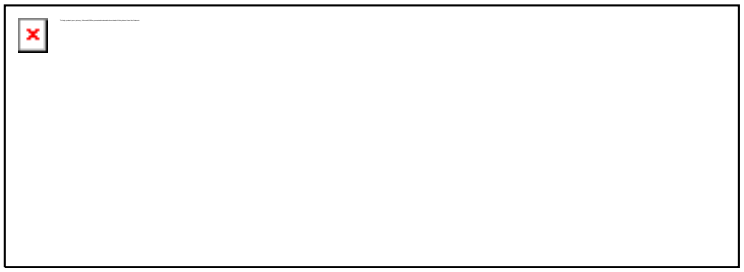




Dear friend,

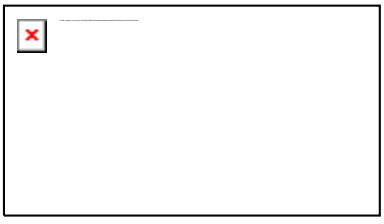
Thank you so much for your continued support of our cause. Monday we showed the state of New Jersey how we really feel about recreational marijuana!

After a lively discussion in Trenton with many supporters we marched to the courthouse and were able speak with lawmakers and others on why commercialization would be a black mark on the history of New Jersey. We are here because of you and we continue to fight the good fight with much success.

Please take a moment and take a look at our presentation on the hazards of legalization and what it would mean to bring Big Marijuana to your proud state.

The link will be available for the next 10 days.

Thank you again for everything you do,



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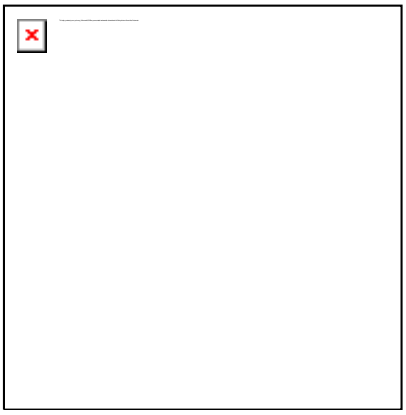

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To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: US Attorney Headlines SAM Summit! April 25, 2019

COLORADO US ATTORNEY BOB TROYER HEADLINES SAM SUMMIT

APRIL 25, 2019, ATLANTA, GA

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2018 op-ed "It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization."

We will also feature TED-talk like presentations on various topics, and a Shark Tank to fund YOUR ideas. More on this very soon!

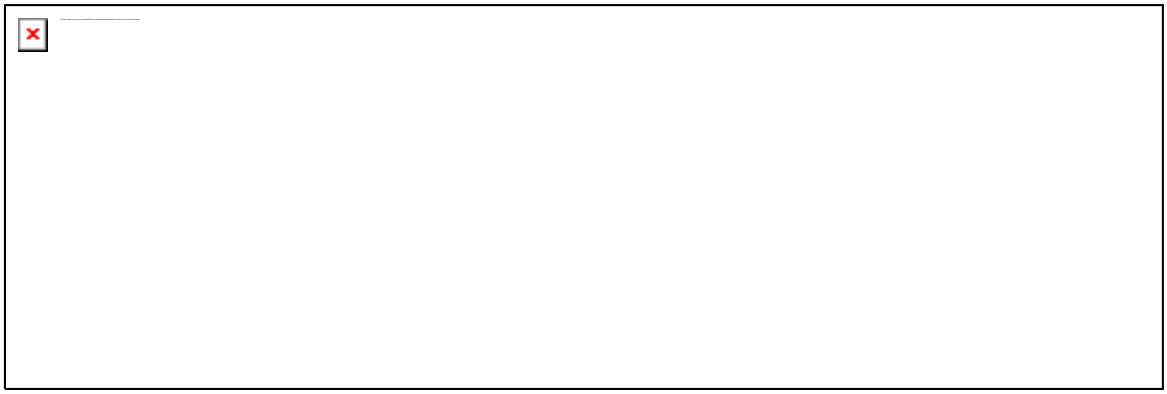
Registration Rates:

- Attend SAM Summit Only: $349
- Add to Rx Summit Registrations: $299

Topics to be covered include: Lessons Learned from Legalized States, States to Watch in 2019 and Beyond, Legalization and Social Justice, and more.

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

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



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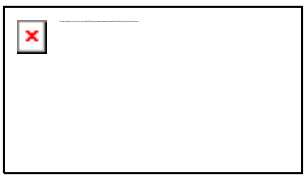

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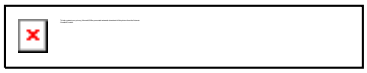

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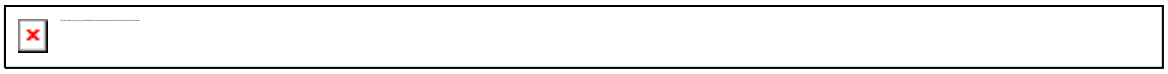
From: Kevin Sabet <reply@learnaboutsam.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: North Dakota? SAM Action is all in

Dear friend,

Last month, an upstart effort by a college student resulted in the placement of a legalization ballot initiative in North Dakota. SAM Action has been extremely active in Michigan already, and so we began the process of ramping up operations in North Dakota. Measure 3, the North Dakota initiative, creates an addiction-for-profit industry that puts pot profits over people. Today, our Chief of Staff, Luke Niforatos, and our Marijuana Accountability Coalition coordinator, Justin Luke Riley, kicked off our formal campaign - Healthy and Productive North Dakota - and we launched a series of billboards and social media ads in key North Dakota markets.

SAM Chief of Staff Luke Niforatos, joined by local North Dakotans, in Fargo today.

Measure 3 would allow for limitless THC potency and possession amounts - it is an incredibly reckless, greedy initiative. Law enforcement would have a hard time even prosecuting any DUI offenses.



Billboard seen across multiple sites in North Dakota

Thankfully, scores of medical doctors, employers, treatment providers, drug prevention professionals, business owners, employees, law enforcement officers, and parents have come together for form Healthy and Productive North Dakota.

The marijuana industry is going all-in for the states in which it is working to legalize. They are salivating at the opportunity to expand their profit-driven scheme in a new state - and even more anxious to do so in a state with virtually no regulations.

<<<Click here to chip in and help defeat marijuana commercialization>>>

SAM Action is doing everything we can do help educate voters on the dangers of marijuana commercialization, and so far we have had a very successful year so far.

Legislative efforts to commercialize marijuana have been defeated in five states this year, and we have held up New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's pro-pot agenda for over 250 days. That is truly remarkable and proves that legalization is not inevitable..

But as we near the elections, our resources are being spread thin. Can you chip-in with a donation today to help SAM Action continue to defeat marijuana commercialization across the country?

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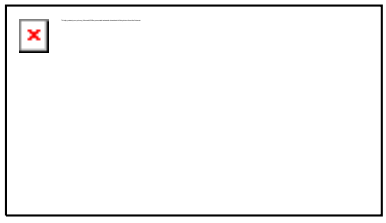
Every dollar you can give is a dollar that will go towards fighting more stoned drivers on our roads, more youth using marijuana, booming black markets, and increasing mental health issues.

Thank you for all that you do,



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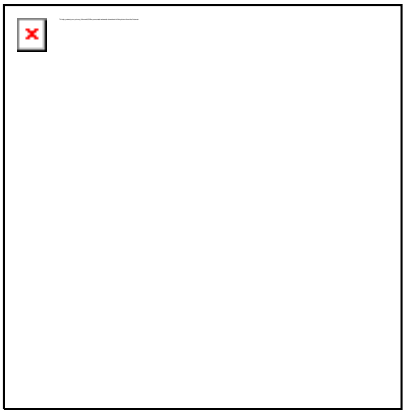

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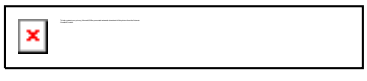

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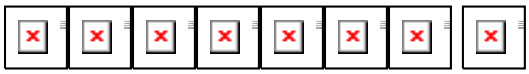
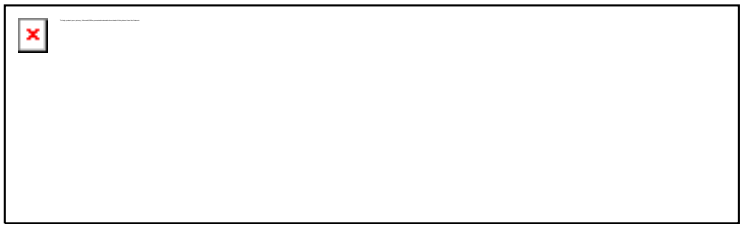
Subject: 2019 SAM Summit: Call for Presentations





2019 SAM Summit Call for Presentations

Event Date: Thursday April 25, 2019

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Submission Deadline Date: Friday, November 9, 2018

SAM will notify applicants by the end of November regarding whether their submission was accepted or declined.

Please read before submitting a presentation proposal.

We're looking for dynamic presenters for our annual summit. Ever want to give a TED talk on some aspect of marijuana policy? If you said yes, then read on!

The 2019 SAM Summit is the premier gathering for marijuana policy advocates around the country. Once again, the Summit will be taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

Submissions will be reviewed by members of the SAM team and Board of Directors. Please be prepared to submit the following information that would fit into a 20-30 minute educational session:

- Session title
- Session abstract (max 250 words)
- Three (3) session objectives
- Identification of topic area
- Name & bio of presenter(s)

SAM is seeking proposals that focus on the following topics:

- Advocacy
- Prevention strategies
- Treatment and recovery
- Social justice
- Link between marijuana and opioids/other drugs.
- Workplace and employers, and impact on employee productivity
- Impacts on youth and young adults

Presentation Terms and Conditions:

- Presenters will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest Reporting Form as part of their speaker agreement.
- Presenters agree to waive any honorariums/travel & hotel accommodations.
- Presenter will receive one (1) complimentary SAM Summit registration.
- Additional speakers from your organization must purchase a SAM Summit registration

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Submit proposals to Brendan Fairfield: brendan@learnaboutsam.org

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Subject: Here's a quick rundown of marijuana news

News Roundup

September/October 2018

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We are currently accepting submissions for additional speakers. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please email Brendan at info@learnaboutsam.org

Click here to register now!

SAM Goes All-In to Defeat Legalization in North Dakota

SAM Action launched a statewide group announcing that they will fight passage of recreational marijuana in North Dakota in this fall's election, calling it "bad law" and promising to educate residents about its dangers.

The proposed law would make North Dakota the most liberal state for the regulation and control of marijuana. It would allow for limitless THC, place no limits on how much pot a person could carry, or how much they sale or where they sell it. Further, the measure would severely hamstring law enforcement efforts to enforce impaired driving laws.

SAM Action is going all out to support efforts to oppose this reckless proposal from passing. To help bolster the opposition to Measure 3, SAM Action officially launched its new affiliate Healthy and Productive North Dakota. The image above is going up on billboards all over the state advertising the reality of limitless pot potency that the measure would allow for.

Multiple News Outlets Urge No Vote in Michigan, Including Detroit News Endorsement of SAM's Efforts

New HHS Survey: Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing

The Detroit News **officially came out in opposition** to the efforts to legalize marijuana in the state of Michigan. "The primary problem with this proposal is that it won't do what its name implies: regulate marijuana like alcohol. Prop 1 would leave too much of the marijuana production and distribution network underground, making enforcement of regulatory and tax policies difficult."

Additionally, SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet **penned an oped** for The Detroit News highlighting the concerns Michiganders should have about legalization:

"Large increases in drugged driving deaths, a phredatory industry targeting minorities and children, Big Marijuana wants nothing more than to use its power to entice the unsuspecting, the poor, the young and any other group that will listen to its false promises of a better world."

In **an oped for the Detroit Free Press**, Dr. Sabet discussed how legal pot brings about more substance abuse, impaired drivers, and racial disparities:

"According to data from the National Institutes of Health, 70% of today's illicit drug users began their journey with marijuana.. The simple fact is that today's marijuana is much more potent - and harmful - than in the past.

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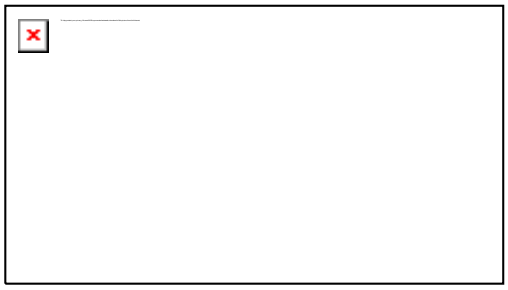
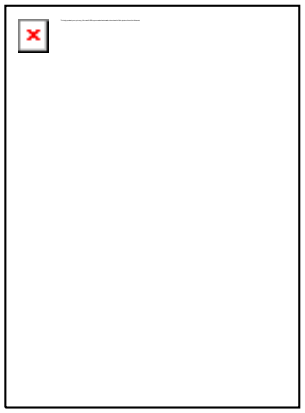
California Governor Vetos Bill Allowing Pot Shops to Deduct Expenses from Taxes

Op-ed: "New Jersey Police Chiefs: Don't Legalize Pot"





California Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a bill that would have allowed marijuana operations in the state to deduct business expenses from their state taxes, effectively allowing them greater movement to to advertise, promote, and commercialize their products.

"Governor Brown did the right thing vetoing AB 1863, which would have granted legitimacy to these federally illegal operations. What is disturbing about the bill is that it would allow these operations to deduct advertising costs just like any legitimate business.

"Because marijuana operations are pushing a federally controlled substance they are not able to deduct these expenses. Had the bill been signed, Big Marijuana would have been able to advertise and operate with even more freedom than they have at present."

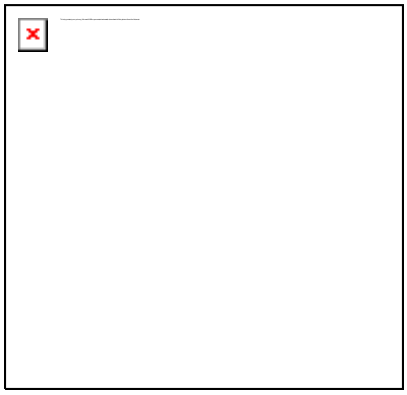
As part of SAM's ongoing work in New Jersey with its affiliate, **NJ-RAMP**, Member of the executive board for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Chairman of the NJSACOP Working Group, John Zebrowski, **penned an op-ed** highlighting the concerns of New Jersey law enforcement when it comes to marijuana legalization.

"My community has experienced its share of horrific crashes, traffic congestion, snarl-ups, delays, as well as, pedestrian and cyclist fatalities. So I feel appropriately qualified to discuss the issues and concerns related to impaired driving, and in this case "drugged driving," and its effect upon the motoring and non-motoring public.

Marijuana is not a benign drug. Impairment due to drugged driving has certain comparable similarities to impairment due to drunk driving, but it's the differences that will make the roadways less safe and the ability to enforce drugged driving laws much more difficult."

New Data Out of Colorado Show Harsh Reality of Legalization

A new Colorado report compiled by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area finds marijuana-positive traffic fatalities, hospitalizations, marijuana use, and illegal market activity have increased since marijuana legalization.

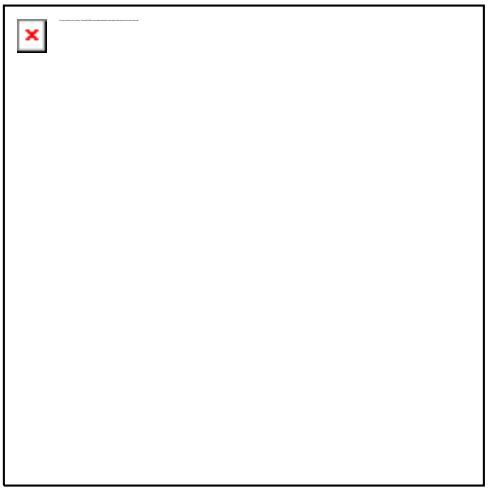


The report finds that since marijuana legalization:

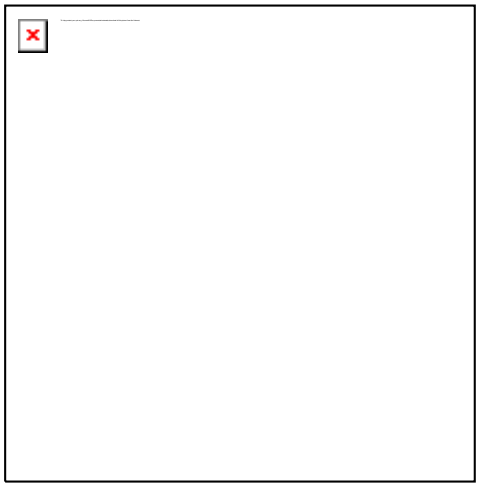
- Drugged driving went from killing roughly one person every 6.5 days to now killing someone every 2.5 days
- Marijuana positive deaths have doubled
- Regular marijuana use among the general population increased 45 percent
- Marijuana use in Colorado is higher than 85 percent of the nation
- The report also found that youth marijuana use increased 5 percent and is 54 percent higher than the national average, ranked 7th in the nation
- The number of highway seizures of Colorado marijuana increased 39 percent
- A total of 7.3 tons of illicit, Colorado-grown marijuana has been seized by law enforcement as it was en route to 24 different states
- Seizures of Colorado marijuana in the U.S. mail system has increased 1,042 percent from an average of 52 parcels (2009-2012) to an average of 594 parcels (2013-2017

To read the full report, please click here.

Michigan Prosecutors: "Legal marijuana would change the landscape of Michigan"



SAM President Testifies in Kentucky Legislature as Lawmakers Consider Relaxing Marijuana Laws



Police, prosecutors, health officials and others across the state of Michigan warned of dangers if a ballot initiative to legalize marijuana is passed by voters in November. The prosecutors also endorsed the efforts of Healthy and Productive Michigan, a SAM-affiliate.

Steve Kempker, the Ottawa County sheriff, said he recently met with law-enforcement officials in Colorado where marijuana has been legal since the start of 2014. He said that homelessness, petty theft and drugged-driving crashes - with marijuana the main drug - have increased. Mostly, he's concerned about the impact on children, and their easier access to the drug.

Ottawa County Prosecutor Ron Frantz said the legalizing marijuana would not, as some say, open jail cells for violent offenders. Any notion that the nation's jails and prisons are filled with those convicted marijuana-related crimes is "fallacy,"

"It's a terrible idea for Michigan," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said.

SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet was in Kentucky recently to testify before state lawmakers as they are considering marijuana legalization.

"I think we need to slow down a little bit, because I do think this is something we're going to regret," said Dr. Sabet.

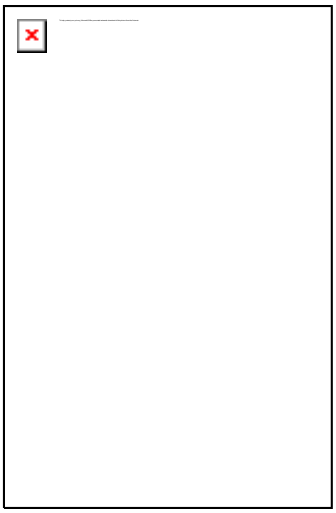
Dr. Sabet spent much of the hearing debunking the radical claims of the marijuana industry's lobbyists, including claims that the drug could cure cancer.

"We are not about criminalizing users or denying medicine that could be helpful for people, especially people with terminal illnesses," he said. "What we want to talk about is making sure we keep in mind what the data are saying and what experience has shown."

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.



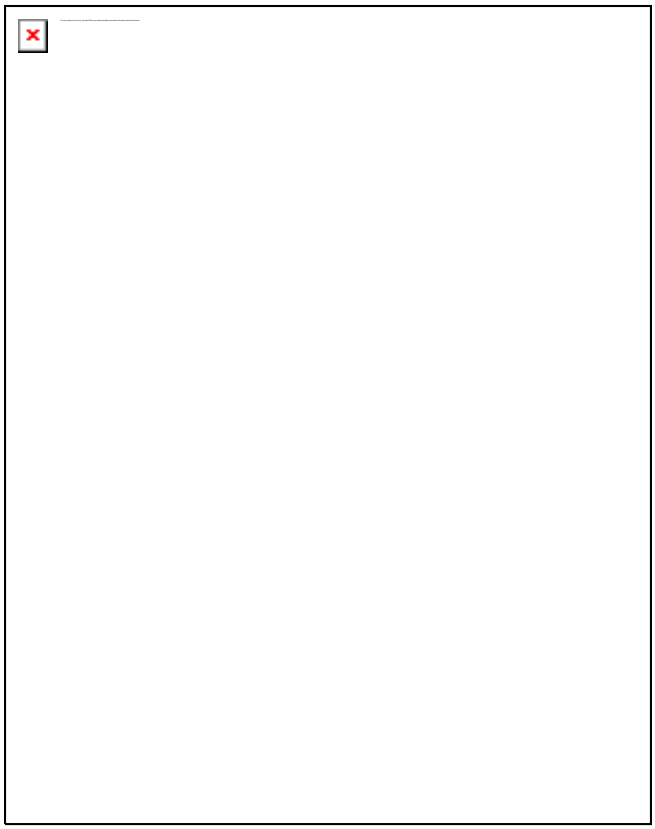
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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

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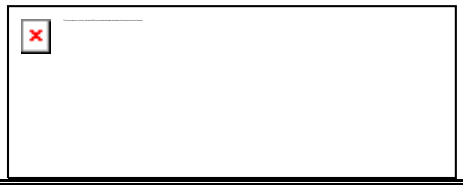

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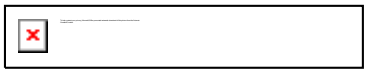

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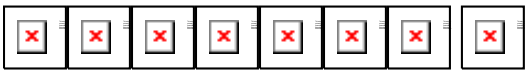

Watchdog Group Launches on First Day of Marijuana Legalization in Canada

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[Vancouver, BC] - Today, despite international treaties outlawing the legal sales of marijuana, Canada became the largest sponsor of marijuana in the world, legalizing the commercial sales of the drug. In response, concerned citizens, activists, and public health experts gathered in Vancouver to announce the launch of a watchdog group dedicated to counting the costs of marijuana commercialization and assisting Canadians in need of help.

The SAM Canada Pot Watch will help Canadians navigate through the real scientific truth about marijuana and will provide referrals to legal, legislative, and other relief for Canadians harmed by today's high potency pot.

"Canada is not only violating international laws by commercializing marijuana, it is letting a new industry - Big Marijuana - grow and prosper," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "As more Canadians feel the negative effects - secondhand smoke, workplace accidents, car crashes, declining school performance, loss of productivity, and other issues - I am confident the policy will be reversed in time. For now, we will help document the real costs of this policy. This watchdog website will help keep government and industry accountable."

"We need to be mindful of what has happened to our southern neighbor under legalization," said Pamela McColl, chair of SAM Canada. "Drugged-driving will go up. Workplace accidents will increase. Children and low-income populations will be targeted. It's up to our coalition to ensure Canada remains safe and shielded from the profit-driven interests of Big Marijuana."

This project will serve as a much-needed watchdog over the rapidly expanding industry in Canada. As seen in the United States, the marijuana industry dumps massive amounts of money into electing pro-marijuana lawmakers and lobbying on rolling back regulations so that it may pull in larger profits.

"We will seek to shine a light where the industry would prefer darkness and expose the truth of what commercialization is doing to our country," said McColl. "We will help Canadians get the help and guidance they need to deal with this dangerous, unprecedented policy."

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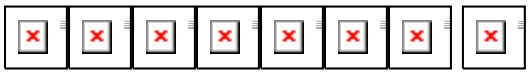

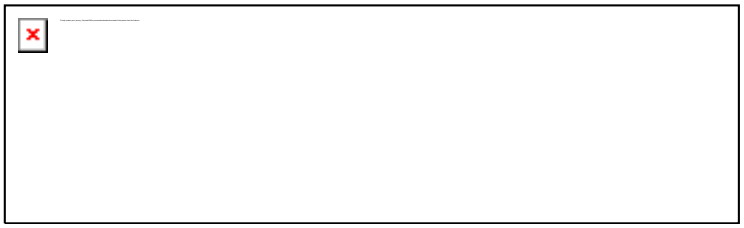

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Breaking News: Study Finds Car Crashes Are Up In States With Legal Pot

[Alexandria, VA] - New data released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) finds car crashes are up a combined six percent in four states that have legalized marijuana compared with the states surrounding them that haven't legalized. The findings come from two seperate studies, which were released today.

Analysts from the IIHS looked for differences for insured drivers, insured vehicles, urban versus rural, weather, etc. between legalized and non-legalized states. The studies include data from the commercialized states of Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington from 2012 through October of 2017.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) President Dr. Kevin Sabet stated, "Drugged driving is quickly becoming an epidemic as Big Marijuana continues to spread its false promises that pot is safe.. These studies prove that is not the case. People are paying with their lives, and it's evident the problem isn't going away. It's time to slow this train down and consider the consequences of legalization.

"Studies such as this should shut down any argument from the pot industry lobbyists who claim that legalizing marijuana use is a good idea. We have already seen what the industry does when states legalize. Not only does drugged driving increase, children are targeted with the use of colorful and harmless looking pot infused gummies, candies and sodas, pot shops are set up in low income neighborhoods, and work output plummets from a stoned workforce.

"Our hope is that people open their eyes to this deceptive industry and slam the door on Big Marijuana's hopes of becoming the next Big Tobacco."

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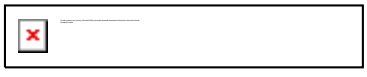

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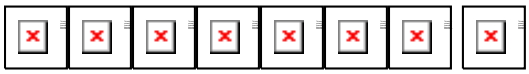


Dear friend,

October 17th, 2018 will be a day we look back on as a dark day in our history - the day Canada began nationwide legal sales of high-potency marijuana. It will be remembered as the day Canadian lawmakers put the interest of an addiction-for-profit industry over the health and safety of its citizens.

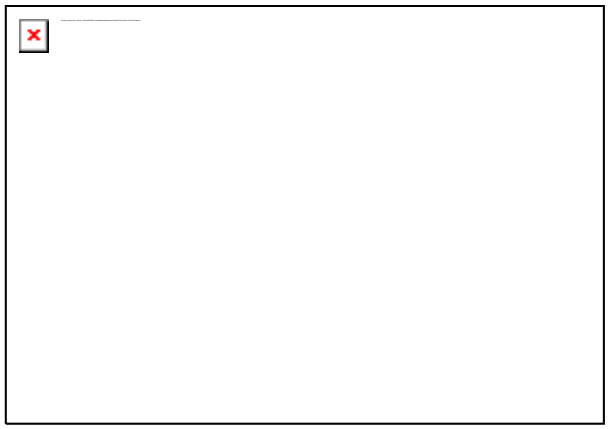
To make matters worse, the decision made in Ontario almost immediately after allowing for public pot smoking -- an astonishing provision given how we think of secondhand tobacco smoke -- will put more people at risk, and shows this law's true colors.

We at SAM and our partners at SAM Canada were determined not to stay silent.

So we grabbed a microphone and took to the streets, gathering with our fellow Canadian brothers and sisters. We were amazed at the attention we garnered: dozens and dozens of cameras, joined by scores of strangers, witnessed as we discussed marijuana dependence and addiction, mental illness, drugged driving, second-hand smoke, child exposure.

Here are just a few pieces of coverage the rally against legalization earned:

"A 'dark day' for Canada, say anti-pot activists"
- CBC



"The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn"
- CBC Radio

"Group opposed pot legalization at Vancouver rally"
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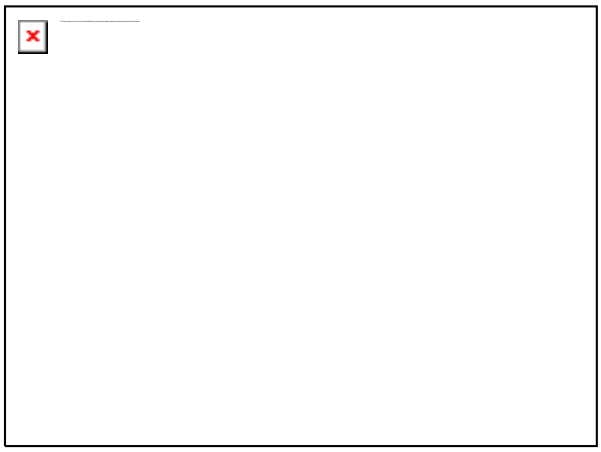
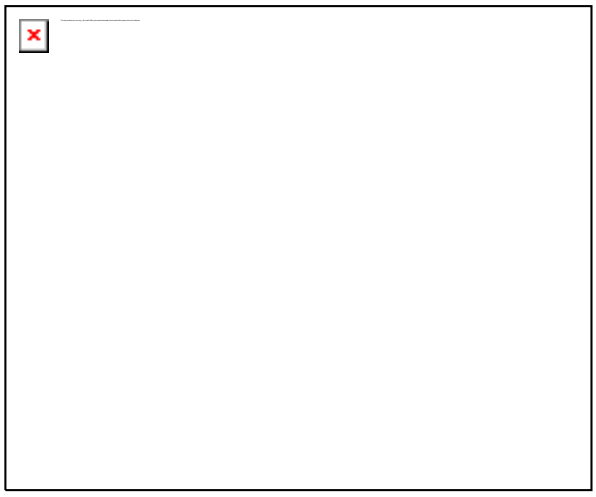


"Pot legalization marks a grey day for Canadians, says opponent"
- The Epoch Times

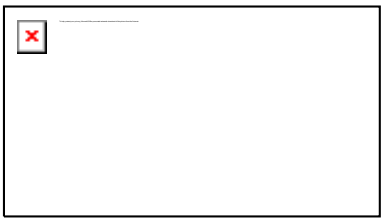
"Anti-legalization protest in Vancouver draws concerned groups, hecklers"
- Global News



We didn't fly all the way to Vancouver to simply protest legalization, we used the event to launch a watchdog website, www.PotWatch.org, to be used to expose the harms of Big Marijuana in Canada. Pot Watch will serve as a hub for Canadians to access help and make their voices heard. It will work to shine a light on the realities the marijuana industry wants to remain in the darkness.

Our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We could not do it without your continued support.



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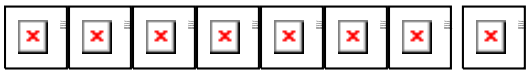
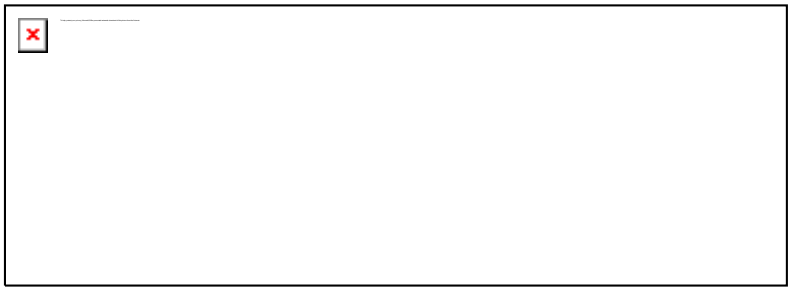




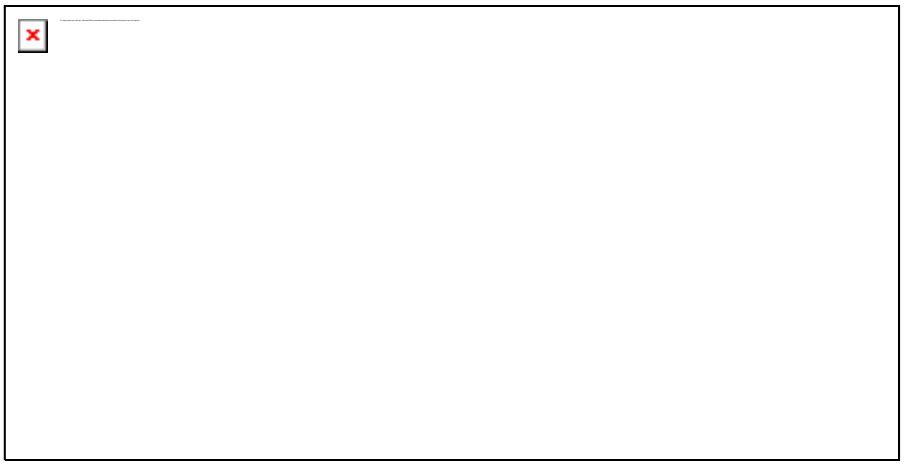
Dear Friend,

Today, President Trump signed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act into law. This is an important step in curbing our Nation's addiction epidemic, but we know addiction does not start with opioids. All too often, it starts with marijuana. So we're not surprised by recent research finding, once again, a strong link between marijuana and opioids. (*See SAM's new marijuana and opioid one pager here.*)

On this note, we are double downing on our support in the fight against marijuana commercialization in Michigan and North Dakota. Indeed, in just a couple of short weeks, voters will be heading to the ballot box.

We have seen polls turn to our favor in two battleground states: North Dakota and Michigan. There, our efforts have paid off thanks to our grassroots coalitions and partnerships on the ground.

In a historic move, the largest NAACP chapter in the world stood with us yesterday in support of our campaign, along with faith and other social justice leaders.

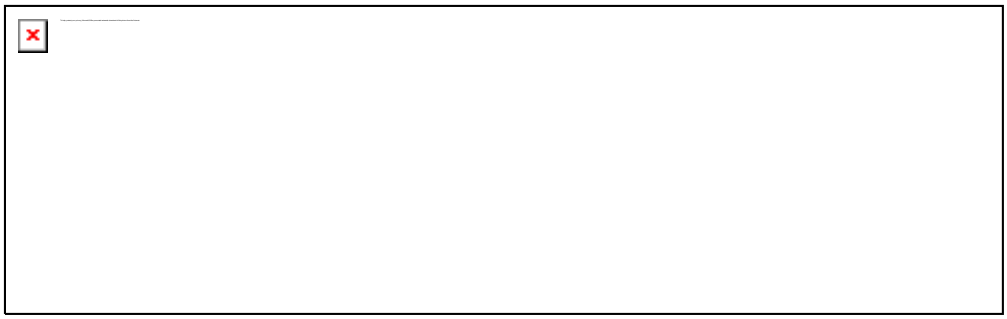


Kamilia K. Landrum, Deputy Director, Detroit Branch NAACP said:

"If passed, this ballot measure adds another layer of the systematic racism that has held our communities of color, particularly African-Americans, in bondage for hundreds of years."

And in North Dakota today, after our mass communications and billboard campaign in the state was implemented, a new poll found that a whopping 65% of North Dakotans oppose Measure 3. The efforts of Healthy and Productive North Dakota in putting up billboards, hosting press conferences, sending out mailers, and blasting the airwaves have really begun to move the needle.

Check out the latest billboards that are popping up all over the state:



Back in Michigan, we have a team of dedicated volunteers hard at work making phone calls and knocking on doors getting the word out that legalization is the wrong move for the state.

Healthy and Productive Michigan's Detroit volunteer canvassers

SAM Action President Dr. Kevin Sabet speaking with phone bankers in Detroit

On top of that, the president of the Detroit Branch NAACP, Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony recorded a video urging Michigan voters to join him in voting NO on the ballot initiative. Check out that video here:

Finally, SAM Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor Luke Niforatos joined Cheddar TV for a live interview on SAM's efforts in the Midterm Elections, and beyond:

Read some highlights of the coverage of the inspiring Detroit press conference:

Detroit NAACP urges 'no' vote on legal marijuana as campaign makes final push - MLive

Opponents speak out against Mich. pot legalization proposal

-The Detroit News

Friend, our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana. Each time we have released a ground breaking achievement or inspiring endorsement, the marijuana industry puppets try desperately to bury it.

But they can't stop the momentum we are creating across the country and they can't stop us from changing hearts and minds every single day in these battleground states.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We absolutely could not do this without all of you. Could you **click here to chip in with a donation** to help push back against the greedy pot profiteers? Our future is counting on it!

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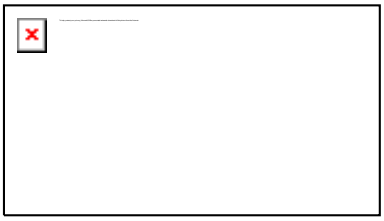

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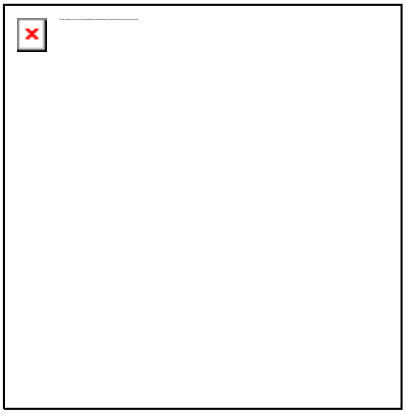

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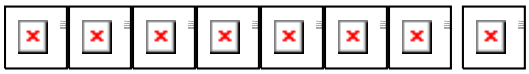
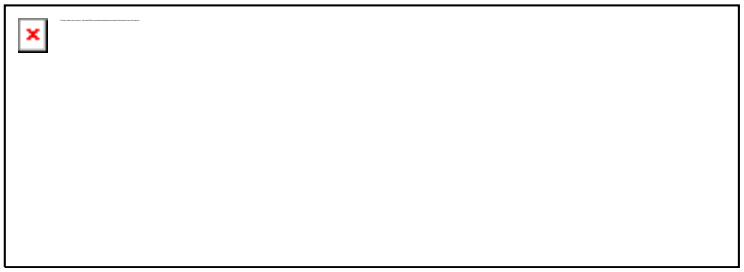




Dear friend,

Less than 7 days. That's when polls will close in North Dakota and Michigan, and I couldn't wait any longer to let you in on some great news. ***In the last few hours alone***:

- **A sitting US (Democrat) Senator just voted no on pot on her early ballot.**
- **We went on NETWORK television in Michigan.**
- **We outnumbered the pot industry at THEIR press conference in Detroit, chanting "Hope Not Dope."**
- **The social-justice minded Fannie Lou Hamer PAC just printed literature urging voters to say no to pot.**
- And on Monday: **Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and US Attorney Bob Troyer** campaigned for us in Grand Rapids! SAM Board Member Ben Cort also stormed North Dakota; he'll be in Michigan Friday.
- SAM Outreach Associate filmed a **new music video** we're distributing to hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan and beyond

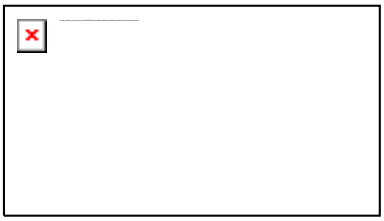
Our opponents in Big Tobacco and Big Marijuana are shaking in their boots. What recently seemed like assured victories for them are now totally up in the air. It is now anyone's game. **That is why the New Approaches PAC, a pro-pot industry "527 organization,"** funded by Peter Lewis' heirs, New York fragrance company heir Henry van Ameringen, family planning philanthropist Phil Harvey and Cari Tuna, the wife of one of Facebook's co-founders, is starting to pour money into pro-legalization campaigns -- **they just gave a half million dollars to Michigan in the past few days.**

We need your help. Can you chip in so we can buy more air time?

<<<Click here to chip in and help fight for hope around the country!>>>

Every dollar you can give is a dollar that will go towards fighting more stoned drivers on our roads, more youth using marijuana, booming black markets, and increasing mental health issues.

We have 149 hours to go. Are you in? (Check out below for some of my favorite, hand-picked photos of the last 72 hours on the trail...)



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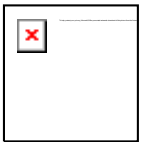

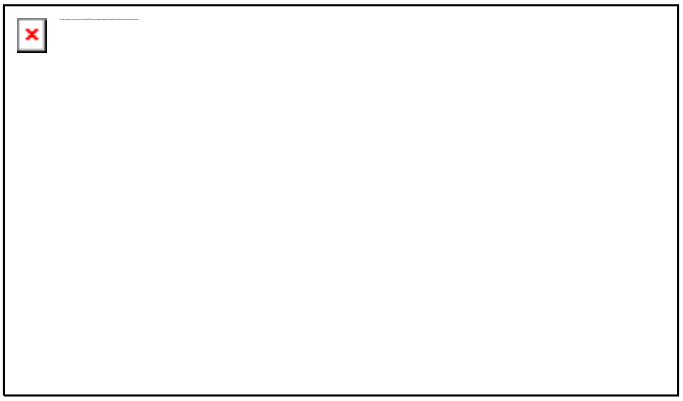

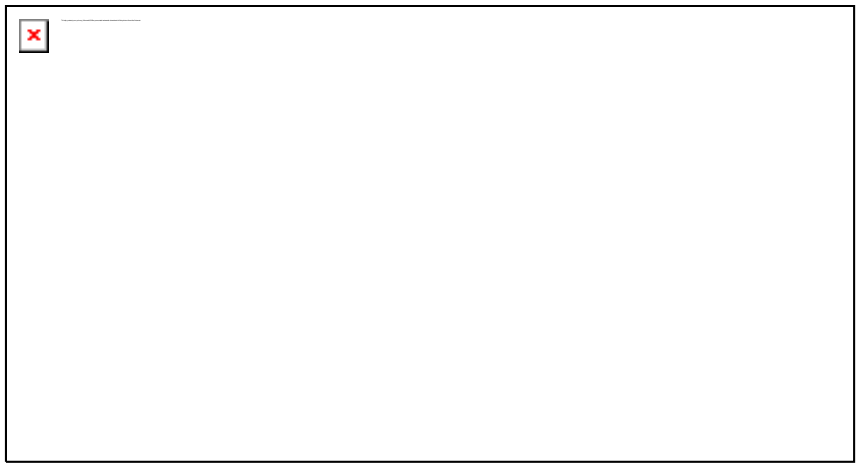

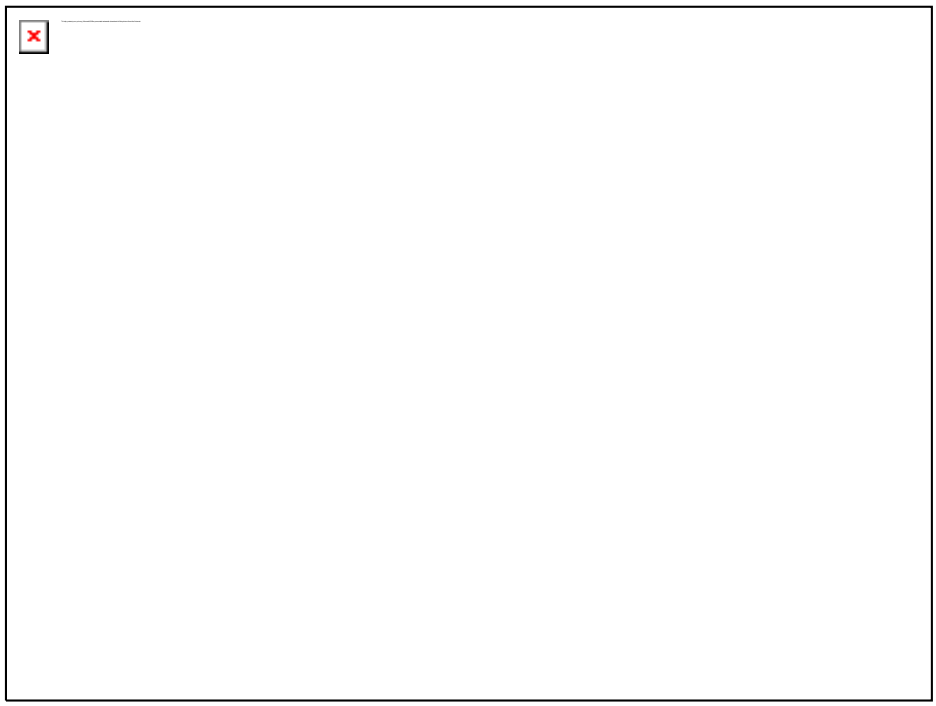

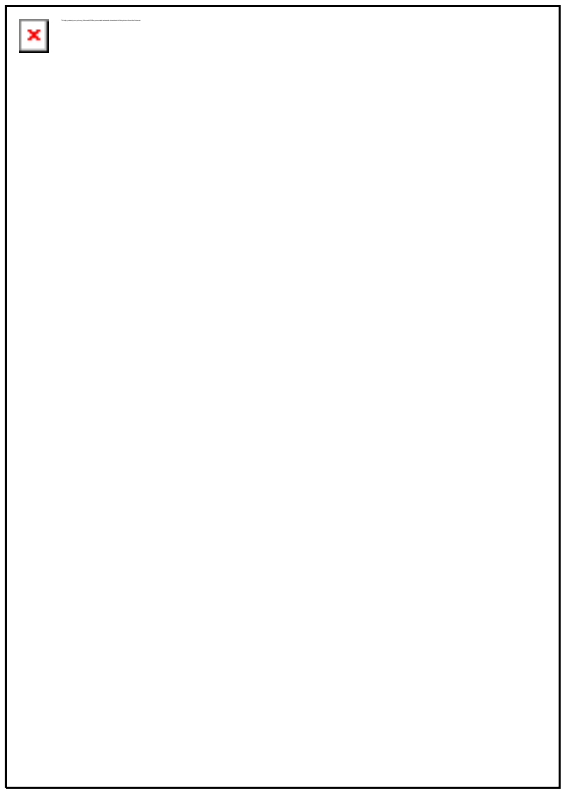

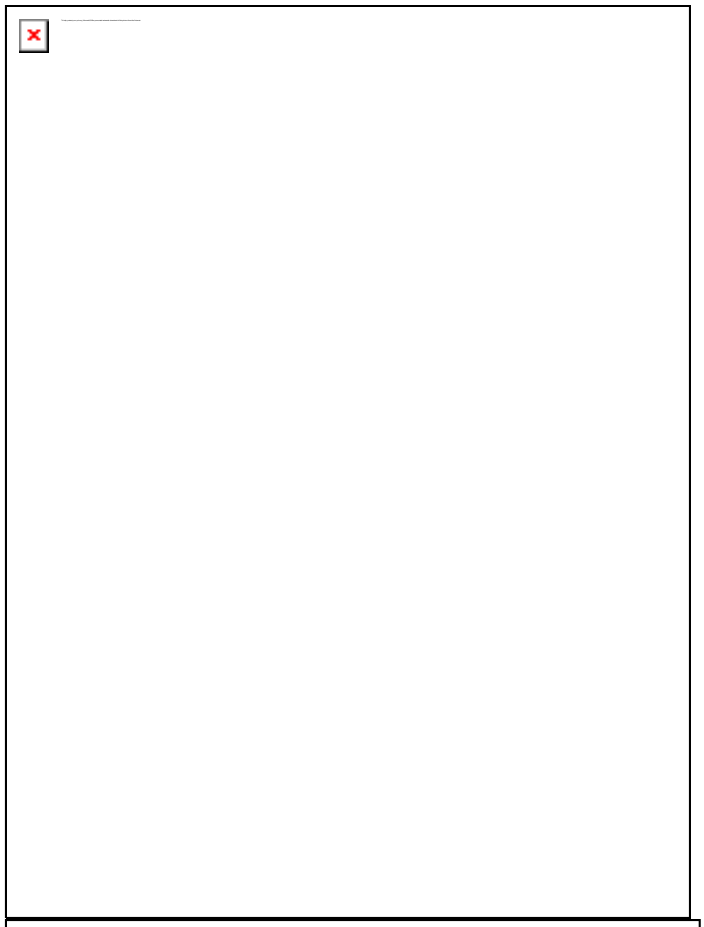

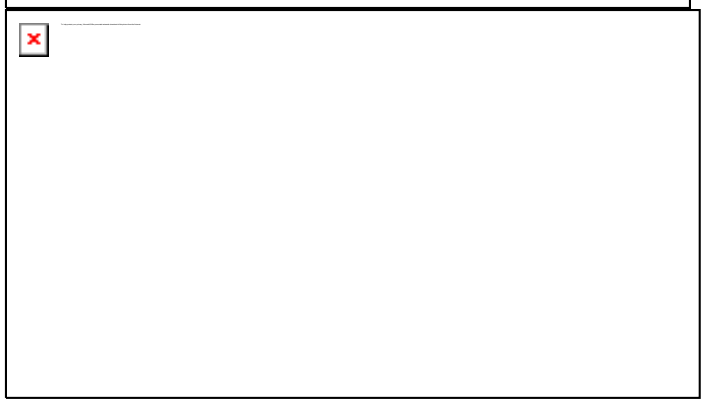

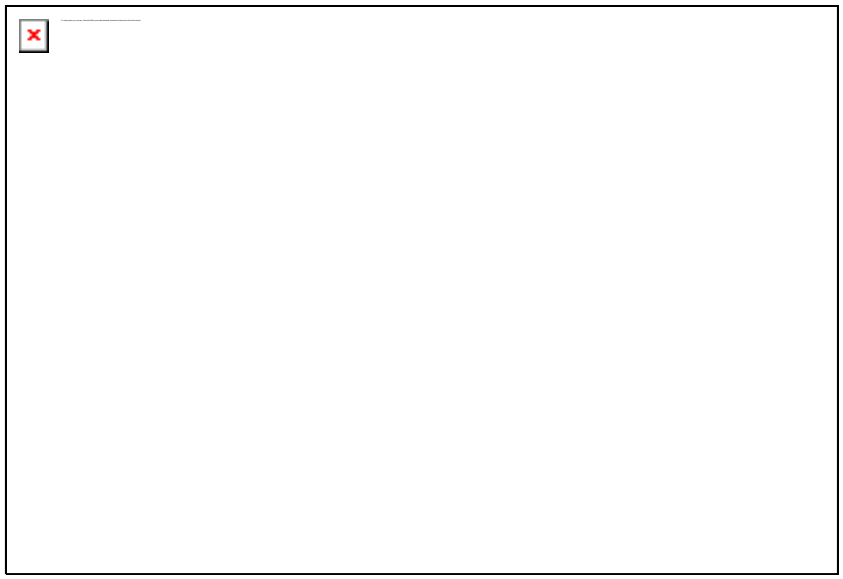

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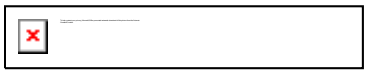

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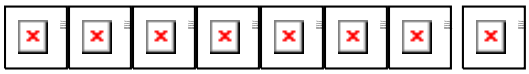

Dear Friends,

Public health prevailed - big time - in North Dakota last night. And two of Missouri's three pro-pot initiatives failed.. Several pro-pot officials lost their bids for election or re-election. And while last night didn't bring what we had hoped for in Michigan, I remain optimistic. As I have said for years, our movement is not about one vote, one election cycle, or one state. We fight for education, science-driven policy, prevention, and most of all, hope.

When Big Tobacco commenced their campaign of deceit, there didn't seem to be any light at the end of the tunnel. They bought off doctors, lured kids with ease in front of an unquestioning public, and sold their hype to a willing political leadership. A century and a half later, most Americans have learned about the harms of smoking - mainly because our predecessors in that movement never gave up.

We will never give up fighting for what is right. Today's super-potent marijuana has eclipsed alcohol and tobacco as the "first drug," according to newly released research, and the pot industry continues to recklessly bulldoze over facts, reason, and basic decency. Our movement is truly about social and economic justice. We will never stop standing up for the communities ravaged by legal drugs and false promises of "revenue," or for the father who lost his son to a THC-caused car crash, for the crying mother who has desperately tried a dozen treatment centers for her child's THC addiction, or for the friend whose mental illness was caused by heavy use.

Our work will go on. It has to. We are already reinvesting in Michigan to ensure localities have a say about pot shops, building off our incredibly diverse team there. We have high level federal meetings coming up with people who will be very influential on marijuana policy in the near future. And we are already contacting freshman legislators with a new fact-book and upcoming Congressional briefing later this month.

And that isn't all. I am so proud of our teams at Healthy and Productive Michigan and Healthy and Productive North Dakota; I've never seen campaigns work so hard. And I am excited to make some major programmatic announcements soon, all in the spirit of keeping this industry accountable.

Because we never will stop fighting with dignity for what is right. Never.

Yours,
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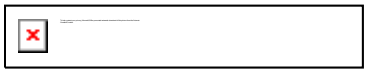

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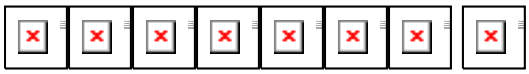

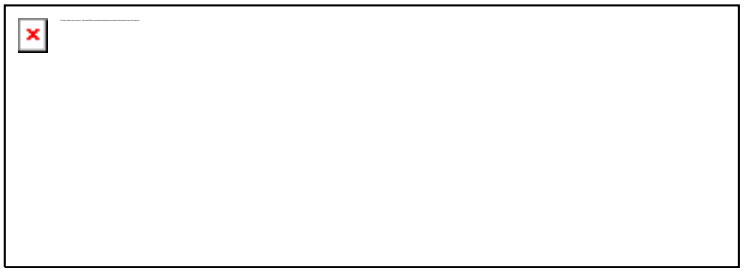

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A DRAW FOR LEGALIZATION ON ELECTION NIGHT

North Dakota Rejects Legalization; Michigan Passes It, But Opposition Vows Local and Legal Battles

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, after a hotly contested year of campaigning, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action) and its affiliates went one for one in ballot initiatives. In North Dakota, voters overwhelmingly defeated legalization, while in Michigan, a late surge of funds from Big Marijuana helped bring that state to vote in favor of marijuana commercialization. SAM Action vowed to take the Michigan race to the local level by supporting marijuana store bans and threatening legal action against the pot industry. Also, several key pro-

pot house members lost, while some anti-legalization members won or retained their seat. Overall, three pro-marijuana initiatives passed and three failed.

"Legalization is far from inevitable. The results of the election in North Dakota are a huge win for public health, safety, and frankly, common sense," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of SAM Action. "Measure 3 was an effort by Big Pot to pass one of the most wide-open legalization initiatives in history. The defeat is an immense victory for us and our grassroots partner, Healthy and Productive North Dakota."

"In Michigan, we will take the fight local and stand with citizens who don't want to see pot shops in their neighborhoods. We are also talking to legal counsel about how to ensure the rights of non-users are upheld; we are looking at liability and other legal action right now," said Sabet. "Finally, we will continue to work with federal lawmakers to ensure they understand the harm this marijuana industry brings."

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, a co-founder of SAM Action, said:

"We are proud of the work done by everyone who stood in opposition to the marijuana industry. North Dakota voters saw this for what it was - an attempt by Big Tobacco and Big Marijuana to threaten public health, and the voters slammed the door in their face."

"This is a great day not only for North Dakota but also the rest of America. We have stopped Big Marijuana from using our state as it has others in its constant attempts to become the next Big Tobacco," said Kristie Spooner, president of Healthy and Productive North Dakota. "We are indebted to our volunteers for showing voters why allowing marijuana in would have forever changed what we have built. We serve as a model for opponents in other states considering legalizing marijuana by showing how this grassroots effort revealed the true nature of the marijuana industry."

Voters in Michigan sided with the empty promises of Big Marijuana and approved Proposal 18-1.

"While this is not the outcome we wanted, it is the beginning of our fight in Michigan, not the end. We are going to continue our campaign on the local level and stop pot shops, as we have in other legal states," said Dr. Kevin Sabet. "Our staff and volunteers in Michigan did an incredible job getting folks engaged on this issue. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to public health and safety."

"A hearty thanks goes out to the many doctors, faith leaders, law enforcement groups, and social justice champions who publicly came out in opposition to legalization," said Patrick Kennedy. "We're not going away, though, and history will not look upon this vote kindly."

"It is unfortunate that my fellow Michiganders have chosen to put the commercialization of potent pot candies and lollipops over the future of our young people, the safety of our roads, and the very real issues of mental health and addiction we are suffering from," said Scott Greenlee, president of Healthy and Productive Michigan. "I am proud of the work done by our volunteers and staff to share with voters how unleashing this industry on our state will harm us. This is just the beginng of our effort.."

"Moving forward, SAM Action and our affiliates will identify communities and work with them to 'opt-out' of legalization by banning pot shops and growing facilities like we have done in Colorado, California, and Massachusetts, continued Sabet. "Moreover, we will continue to expose the harms this predatory industry will bring upon the people of Michigan in the form of targeting disadvantaged communities, exposure to minors, arrest disparities, increased drugged driving, and the black market."

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New Report: Cost of Marijuana Legalization Far Outweighs Tax Revenues

(Denver, CO) - Today, a new study on the impact of marijuana legalization in Colorado conducted by the Centennial Institute found that for every one dollar in tax revenue from marijuana, the state spends $4.50 as a result of the effects of the consequences of legalization.

This study used all available data from the state on hospitalizations, treatment for Cannabis Use Disorder (CUD), impaired driving, black market activity, and other parameters to determine the cost of legalization. Of course, calculating the human cost of addiction is nearly impossible, we can assume the cost estimated for treating CUD is a gross underestimate due to the fact that it is widely believed among health officials that CUD goes largely untreated...yet rates have been increasing significantly in the past decade.

That, in conjunction with the fact that there is no way of quantifying the environmental impact the proliferation of single use plastic packaging common

within the marijuana industry, leads us to believe this is indeed a very conservative estimate.

"Studies such as this show that the only people making money off the commercialization of marijuana are those in the industry who profit at the expense of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "The wealthy men in suits behind Big Marijuana will laugh all the way to the bank while minority communities continue to suffer, black markets continue to thrive, and taxpayers are left to foot the bill."

"The data collected in this study, as in similar studies before it, continues to show the scope of the cost of commercialization. The effects of legalization are far and wide, and affect just about every resident in the state directly and indirectly," said Jeff Hunt, Vice President of Public Policy for Colorado Christian University.

"The pot industry doesn't want this dirty truth to be seen by law makers and the taxpayers, who were promised a windfall in tax revenue," said Justin Luke Riley, president of the Marijuana Accountability Coalition. "The MAC will continue to shine a light on the industry and urge our lawmakers to reign in Big Pot before it brings more harm on Coloradans."

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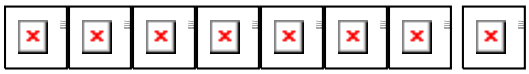

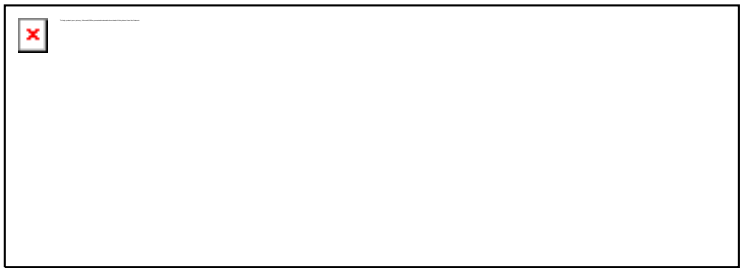

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Massachusetts Opens its First Recreational Pot Shops Despite Overwhelming Evidence Showing its Negative Effects on Society

Commercialization of marijuana starts today in Massachusetts

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, recreational sales of marijuana are slated to begin in Massachusetts two years after the state narrowly voted to legalize. In response, Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana released the following statement:

"Today is the beginning of a dark time for the Bay State. We are proud to have seen the majority of municipalities in the state move to ban pot shops or move to slowly consider the ramifications of allowing Big Pot to set up shop in their neighborhoods. We would encourage communities to continue to consider the consequences legalization could have on their state, especially with the recent release of a study that found each dollar in tax revenue costs the state of Colorado $4.50.

"Moving forward, SAM will work with local partners to expose this predatory industry as it brings the harms we have seen in other legalized states to Massachusetts. Increased drugged driving, higher rates of youth exposure, skyrocketing poison control calls and emergency room visits, and a thriving black market are part and parcel in the states that have unfortunately chose to go to pot. We expect Massachusetts will continue this trend."

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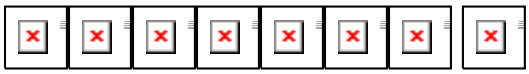

Malcolm Gladwell blasts pot legalization, says *"we should not be racing to make this available,"* and that the emerging legal industry is *"a whole new scary thing."*

Also today, CBS This Morning features SAM Pres. Kevin Sabet

This week, best-selling *The Tipping Point* author Malcolm Gladwell, who the *New York Times* has called "as close to a singular talent as exists today" in the world of nonfiction, opined about his distaste for the legalization of marijuana and the expanded normalization of the drug. In an extended interview with an NPR affiliate, Gladwell stated:

"To my mind, the important issue is not the economic one, it is the psychological and medical one," he said. "Research seems pretty clear that the kind of marijuana that's being sold now, which has levels of THC that are seven or eight times higher than historically, has some quite serious side effects, not all of which we understand."

He went on to say: ***"The idea of having the general public consume what is an extraordinarily powerful drug that we don't fully understand is quite terrifying to my mind."***

CBS This Morning Features SAM

Also today, CBS This Morning featured a story on the sales of recreational marijuana in Massachusetts, and SAM President Kevin Sabet. In the story, Sabet said:

"The state is being heavily influenced by the marijuana industry to tell you your product is safe. There have been...recalls because of additives, pesticides, and molds, so it's really 'buyer beware.'

"This isn't about the individual users, this is about a green light to an industry that is taking all of their plays from Big Tobacco, who lied to the American people for a century.. Why would we get fooled again?"

Colorado Cost Study

In case you missed it: a new study conducted by a third-party analysis firm found each dollar in tax revenue costs the state of Colorado $4.50.

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. Evidence shows that marijuana - which has skyrocketed in average potency over the past decades - is addictive and harmful to the human brain, especially when used by adolescents. In states that have already legalized the drug, there has been an increase in drugged driving crashes, youth marijuana use, and costs that far outweigh pot revenues. These states have seen a black market that continues to thrive, sustained marijuana arrest rates, and tobacco company investment in marijuana.

For more information about marijuana use and its effects, visit www.learnaboutsam.org.

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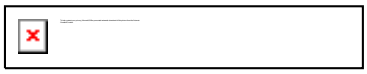

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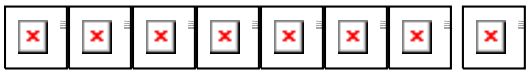

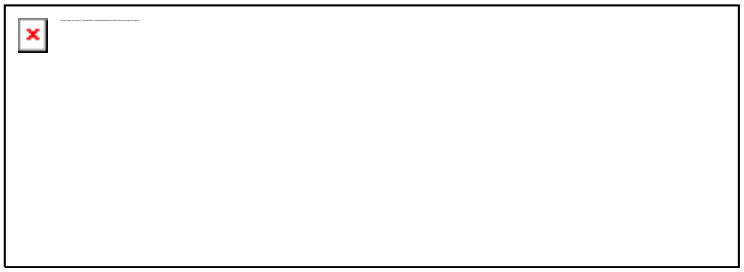

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Leadership Ignores Key Drug Policy Experts; Rams Legalization Bill Through Committee

(Trenton, NJ) - Despite arriving early to testify, legislators today denied to hear from top experts opposing legalizing marijuana including a former senior policy advisor to three presidential administrations and the only Colorado resident in the room who has lived through legalization. Many legislators, who voiced serious concerns about marijuana legalization, opted to "abstain" rather than draw the wrath from leadership by voting against their bill.

Having passed the committees today, the bill to legalize marijuana in New Jersey will now face the scrutiny of the entire New Jersey Legislature. Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action), its affiliate New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-

RAMP) and its partners who oppose the bill, including the New Jersey chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Cancer Association, American Heart Association, and others, look forward to working together in the state to defeat this reckless measure.

"Arm-twisting of on-the-fence lawmakers and intentional silencing of expert testimony is a sad loss for democracy - and the interests of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, a former Obama Administration advisor and president of SAM Action.. "Slamming a bill through committee is no way to draft public policy with as many far reaching consequences as the legalization and commercialization of a substance much more powerful than it used to be."

Following the vote, SAM Action and NJ-RAMP members confronted the Senate leader and sponsor of the bill to make a pledge not to accept money from the fledgling marijuana industry. Those senators declined to take that pledge.

Sabet continued, "We are looking into all avenues - legal, regulatory, and otherwise, to stop the reckless marijuana industry. This story is far from over."

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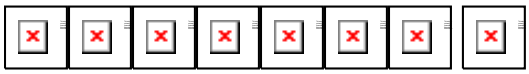

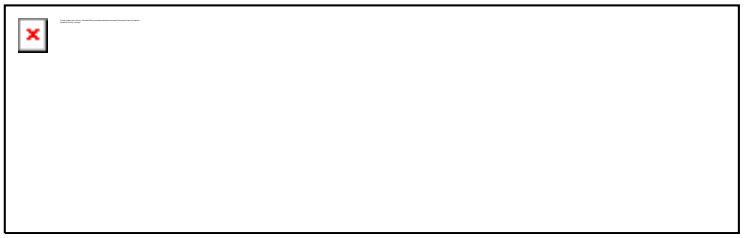

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Study Finds First State to Commercialize Marijuana Continues to Feel the Harsh Effects of Pot Use

Colorado leads the nation when it comes to first time pot users among 12 to 17 year olds

(Alexandria, VA) - More young people are trying marijuana for the first time in Colorado, the first state to allow recreational marijuana, than anywhere else in the nation. A new study conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) also finds the state is at the top of the list for the lowest perception of risk of using pot in the 12 to 17 year old age group.

Key findings of the study:

- Past month use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 7.6% (legal: 16%; non: 8.5%), 12-17 by 2.8% (9.1%; 6.3%), and 18+ by 8.7% (17.4%; 8.7%).

- Past year use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 10% (legal: 23.48%; non: 13.43%), 12-17 by 3.7% (15.7%; 12%), and 18+ by 10.5% (24.1%; 13.6%).

- In 2017, past month marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (10.75%), followed by Oregon (10.35%).

- In 2017, past year marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (17.88%), followed by Oregon (17.01%).

- In 2017, perception of great risk from smoking marijuana once a month among 12-17 year-olds was lowest in Colorado (16.21%), followed by Oregon (16.84%).

- Washington saw a significant increase among 12+ and 18+ year-olds reporting both past month and year use in 2017, compared to 2016

- Oregon saw a significant increase among 12+ and 18+ year-olds reporting both past month and year use in 2017, compared to 2016.

- D.C. saw a significant increase among 12+ and 18+ year-olds reporting past month use in 2017, compared to 2016

- California saw a significant increase among 12+ and 18+ year-olds reporting both past month and year use in 2017, compared to 2016.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) released the following statement : "This is one in a long list of studies that proves Big Marijuana is targeting and subsequently harming our most vulnerable populations. Its profits-over-people business model is designed to hook people when they're most susceptible and make lifetime users out of them. When will we learn the

marijuana industry isn't our friend, rather a social disease just like Big Tobacco was decades ago?"

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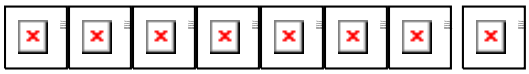

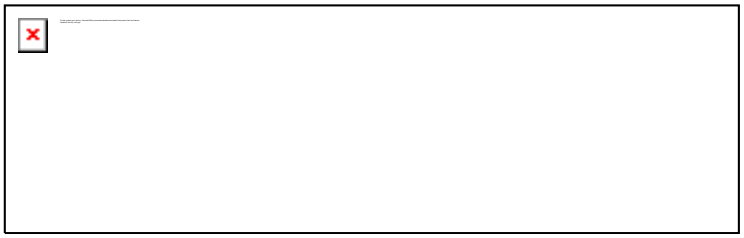

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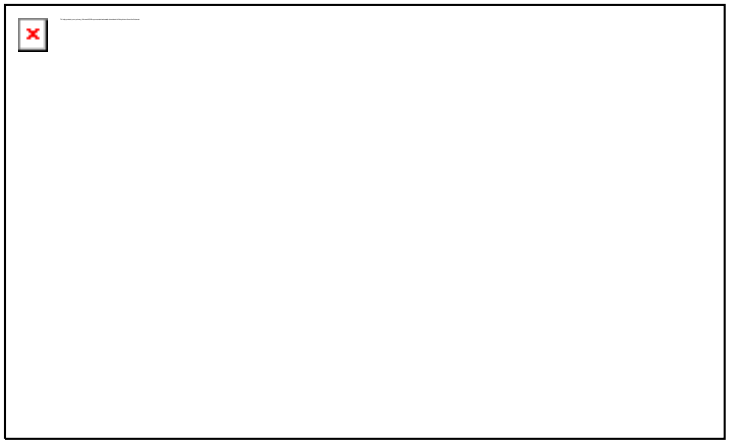
Annual HHS Survey Finds Marijuana Use Higher in "Legal" States; Colorado Leads Nation For First Time Adolescent Pot Use

Legal States Use Rates Nearly 45% Higher Than Other States; Alcohol Use Also Up in Colorado

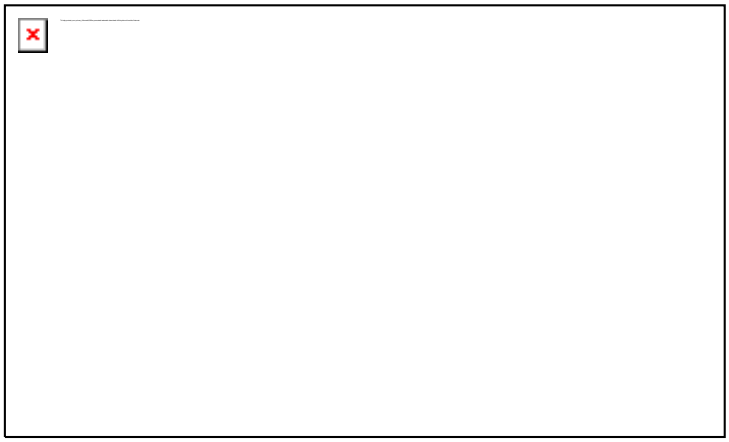
(Alexandria, VA) - More young people are trying marijuana for the first time in Colorado, the first state to allow recreational marijuana, than anywhere else in the nation, according to the nation's most authoritative study on drugs, conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), a division of the US Department of Health

and Human Services. The survey also finds the state is at the top of the list for the lowest perception of risk of using marijuana among teens.

Almost 8% of Colorado teens admitted to using marijuana for the first time last year, compared with 7.9% in Massachusetts, 7.4% in DC and 7.1% in Alaska, all jurisdictions with "legal" marijuana (marijuana remains illegal in the U.S. per the Controlled Substances Act). Past month use of marijuana is double in "legal" states among all age groups, and 45% higher in the 12 to 17 year-old category (9.1% versus 6.3%).



"The effects of legalization are revealing our worst fears," Dr. Kevin A. Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), and a former White House drug policy advisor, said. "Big Pot's profits-over-people business model is hooking more people on highly potent marijuana gummies, candies, waxes, and blunts while governments look the other way. How many lives have to be affected until we take action?"



Sabet continued, "There should be a moratorium on legalization until we can better understand what is happening. The social harms -- increased stoned driving, more youth use, crime, and hospital mentions -- keep piling up. We need to stop the bleeding."

Key findings of the study:

- Past month use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 7.6% (legal: 16%; non: 8.5%), 12-17 by 2.8% (9.1%; 6.3%), and 18+ by 8.7% (17.4%; 8.7%).
- Past year use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 10% (legal: 23.48%; non: 13.43%), 12-17 by 3.7% (15.7%; 12%), and 18+ by 10.5% (24.1%; 13.6%).
- In 2017, past month marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (10.75%), followed by Oregon (10.35%).
- In 2017, past year marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (17.88%), followed by Oregon (17.01%).
- In 2017, perception of great risk from smoking marijuana once a month among 12-17 year-olds was lowest in Colorado (16.21%), followed by Oregon (16.84%).
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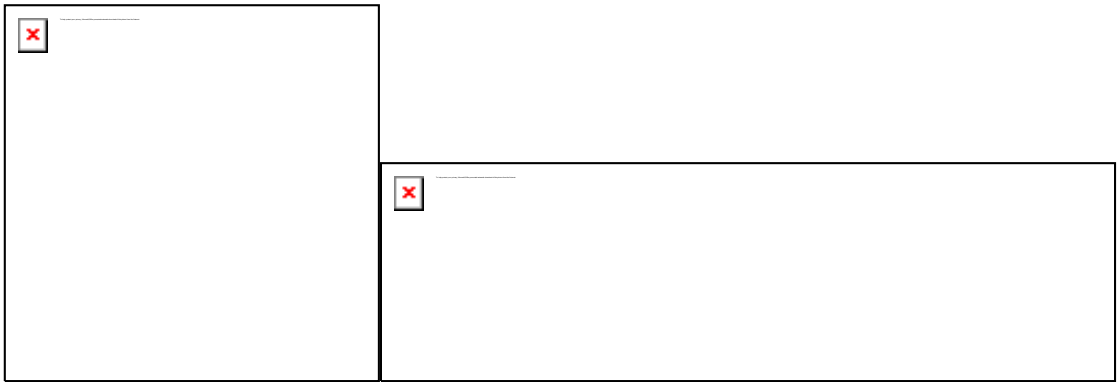


DECEMBER THEME:
NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. The holiday season is here, unfortunately it is also a time for an increase in drugged driving.

SAM and its project, DRIVING HIGH MEANS DUI, are proud to release this toolkit to help in your work.

Those affected by marijuana-impaired driving tell their stories

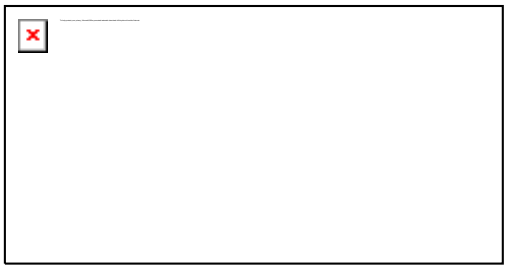
Some one-liners to share on social media:

- Driving high is increasing from coast-to-coast: Incidents of drugged driving are such a big concern across the country that the Governors Highway

Safety Administration released a comprehensive guide for states to tackle the issue.

- Commercialized states see more high drivers: According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, there has been up to a six percent increase in the number highway crashes in four of the states that have allowed recreational marijuana.
- Stoned driving is expensive to test: In Colorado in 2016, the state itself reported of the 27,000 people pulled over for impaired driving, only 4,000 were tested for marijuana because police say it was too costly to test them all.
- Driving high affects all age groups: A SAMHSA study found that while driving under the influence of iilicit drugs peaks between the ages of 20 to 23, there is no discrimination when it comes to those who get behind the wheel impaired. The National Institutes of Health reports older Americans are doing it in increasing numbers.

The impacts of drugged driving to share:



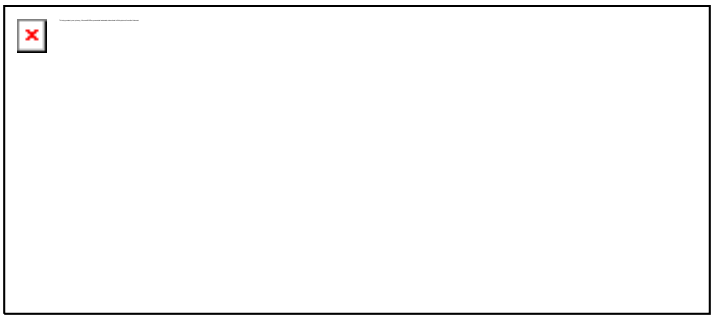
National Institutes of Health demonstrate the perils of drugged driving

Sample tweets:

- It's time to put the brakes on drugged driving. https://bit.ly/2DoVHtg
- Don't let stoned driving define your holiday season. https://bit.ly/2DoVHtg
- Give your loved ones a lifesaving gift this season: A talk about the perils of pot. https://bit.ly/2DDIRbQ
- High drivers are an increasing problem, be alert when behind the wheel. https://bit.ly/2DoVHt

Other videos of use:

Don't regulate marijuana like alcohol



Doug Beirness of the Canadian Centre of Substance Abuse discusses the issues with testing individuals for marijuana impairment

Sample Facebook post:

Pot and driving don't mix. It's no joke: December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Do your part and talk with family and friends about the dangers of driving high. Today's pot is not what it used to be.

Additional information:

- Marijuana's effects on driving
- Report out of Colorado on Marijuana's Impact
- Impact of drugged driving in Canada before legalization

Sample materials/templates for media outreach:

- Op-ed on drugged driving over Labor Day Weekend
- Letter to the Editor in Minnesota

The false hopes and promises by Big Marijuana are the lumps of coal under any tree. This industry claims there are no victims when it comes to the use of commercialized marijuana.

Tell that to Corinne Gasper, who lost her daughter due to a high driver after he slammed his car into her's going more than 80 miles an hour.

She, and others like her, have suffered because of this profits-over-people industry that will stop at nothing to become the next Big Tobacco- The last social disease this country had to face and one that took decades to bring under control.

Drugged driving any time of year is bad, but this holiday season when you're enjoying your time with your family and friends, take a moment to remember all those who have suffered because of Big Marijuana and its unending rhetoric that pot is safe and harmless.

Recently, smart and informed voters in North Dakota gave the industry the boot when they voted down a measure that would have legalized recreational marijuana. It will save countless lives on and off the roadways. But there is still much more work ahead as other states like Illinois, New Jersey, and New York consider similar proposals.

Please use the above information to promote the message that drugged driving is a growing problem that will only grow worse by allowing Big Marijuana to plant its claws into our society, our culture, and our lives.

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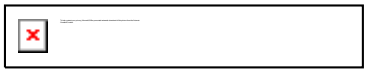

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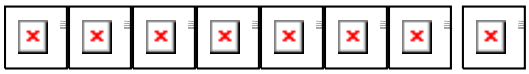

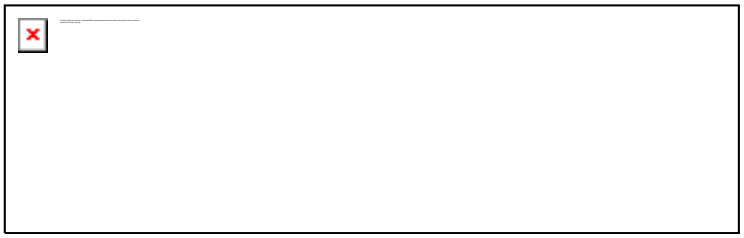

Dear friend,

When it comes to the media's awareness of Big Marijuana, it is better five years late than 50. Dr. Sabet's continued pressure on Big Tobacco 2.0 made the opening hook in a Forbes article published today.

From the article: "*Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)'s legalization opponent Kevin Sabet may be right: like it or not Big Tobacco is invading cannabis. Altria, the company that invited unwitting consumers for decades to come to where the cancer is - Marlboro Country - may be looking to shore up stagnant cigarette sales by purchasing Canadian cannabis company Cronos Group.*"

We aren't saying "I told you so," however, this is old news to SAM and all of you. Over the last five years (and beyond), Dr. Sabet has predicted a Big Tobacco takeover of marijuana legalization and we have exposed numerous instances of tobacco companies tipping their toes in the waters of the industry. To those of you who are now seeing this terrible reality and wanting to do something about it, we welcome you aboard. If you you'd like to support us as we continue to educate the public, please consider a tax-deductible donation to SAM by clicking here.

The article concludes with this: *"Meanwhile, self-professed whistleblower Kevin Sabet sounds the alarm over Big Tobacco taking over cannabis. Sabet points out that tobacco was relatively harmless before cigarettes were invented. Once unnecessary chemicals like nicotine and formaldehyde were added to tobacco, addiction and cancer rates grew at alarmingly unprecedented rates, spawning a global epidemic. Sabet fears with Big Tobacco's involvement, marijuana will follow the same nefarious path of addicting children and causing millions of fatalities.. Sabet feels acquisitions of this nature signal the beginning of the end of harmless cannabis consumption."*

I hope that you will take a second to read this article today by clicking here. If you can, please also consider sharing it with your friends, family and co-workers, either by clicking here to forward this email or by sharing the article on social media.

Thank you for all that you do,

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Vice President of Communication
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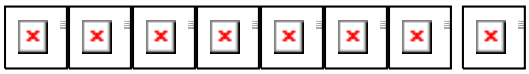
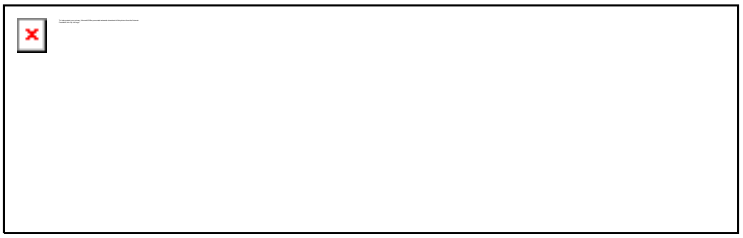
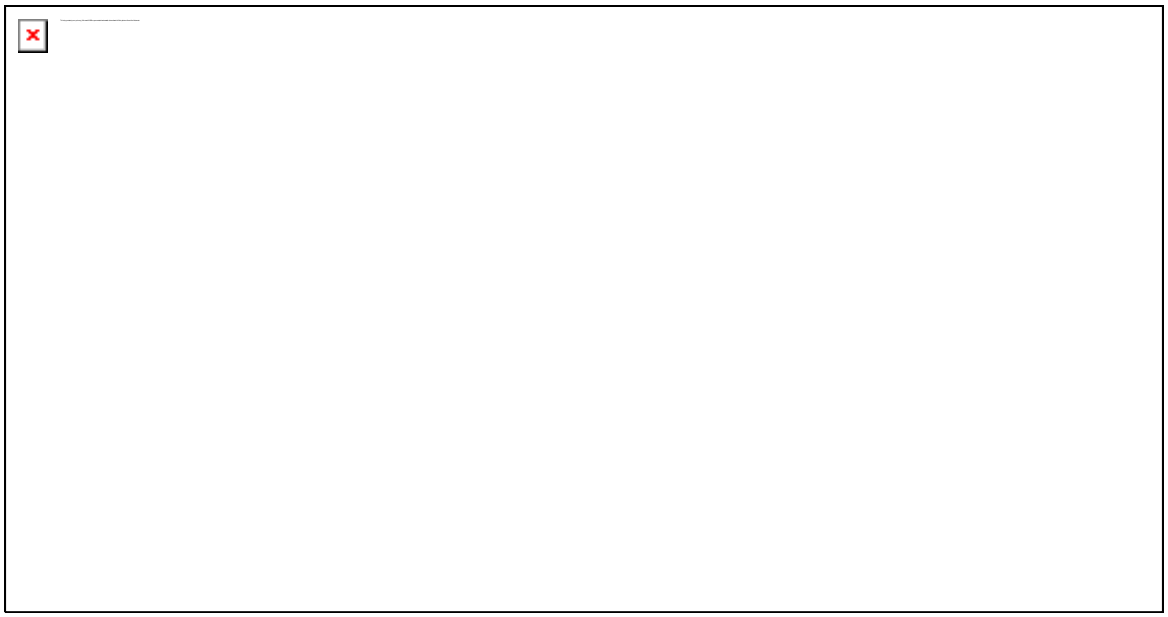




Dear friend,

I just wanted to let you know that Rocky Mountain PBS will be featuring an in-depth look at whether or not marijuana legalization in Colorado has gotten rid of the black market in the state.

I'll give you a hint: **it hasn't**.



The groundbreaking piece will air tonight at 8:00 PM in Colorado, but you can also view it
here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SITIVcG6shY&feature=youtu.be

Please give it a watch and let me know what you think!

Thank you for all that you are doing,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
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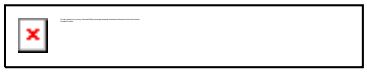

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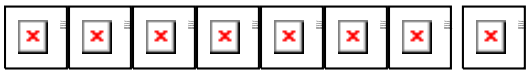

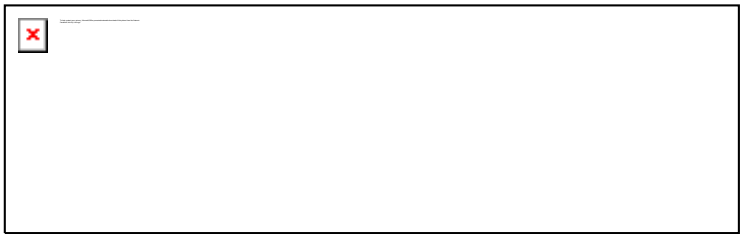

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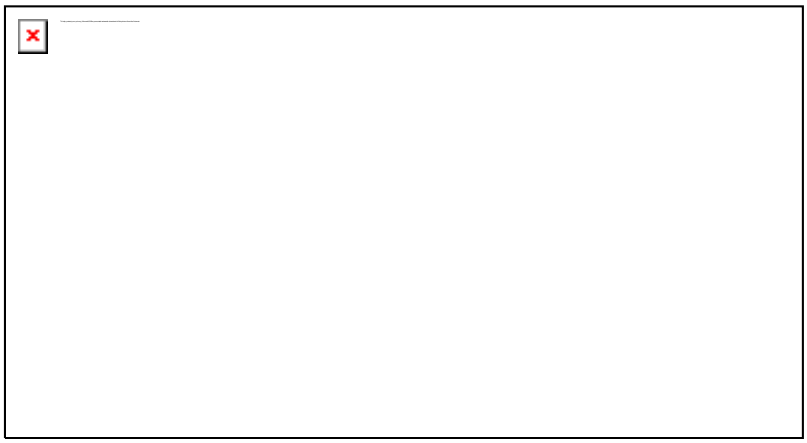
Benchmark NIH Survey Finds Marijuana Use Significantly Higher Among 10th Graders, Vaping Also Significantly Increasing

Tenth grade marijuana use up 10% versus two years ago; vaping marijuana is up more than fifty percent among all age groups; edibles remain popular

(Alexandria, VA) - In the past few years, marijuana use is up significantly, by 10%, among 10th graders, and current vaping of marijuana is up 63% for eighth and tenth graders and 53% for twelfth

graders, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. The 2018 Monitoring the Future survey, compiled by researchers at the University of Michigan and funded by the National Institutes of Health, is the benchmark for student drug use in the United States.



Over the past two years, marijuana use among tenth graders rose 10%, a significant increase. Additionally, despite common belief that nicotine use among youth is down, nicotine vaping rose 87% on average across all age groups.

"The marijuana industry's efforts to glamorize and normalize marijuana appears to be working. After a decline in use, marijuana use is on the rise again over the past few years, particularly among 10th graders, and especially with respect to vaping," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a former three-time White House drug policy advisor. "And today's marijuana isn't what it used to be: THC levels can be 50 times higher than in the past, especially when vaped. We call on regulators to stop the sales of 99% THC vapes and edibles, the two most likely modes of administration after smoking, and to press pause on further proposals to commercialize THC."

In addition, the study found that the percentage of youth who say they would use marijuana if it was legal has increased, and that 12th graders admitting to driving after using marijuana is significantly higher. Marijuana use has been known to more than double the chance of being in a car crash.

"The commercialization of the marijuana industry and its partnership with groups such as Juul and other Big Tobacco organizations like Altria is now cultivating youth-friendly methods of use, as evidenced by the huge increases in marijuana vaping rates. Legalization today is about enriching Big Tobacco, plain and simple."

Today's marijuana is especially harmful to adolescents and is known to have a whole host of damaging effects on developing brains. Adolescent marijuana use severely impacts the ability of our youth to learn, greatly increases the risk of serious mental illness, impairs memory, and can even result in a loss of up to eight IQ points.

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Dear friend,

I wanted to make sure you saw this opinion piece I wrote yesterday for the New York Daily News on Governor Andrew Cuomo's call for marijuana legalization.

You can read it online by clicking here, but I have also shared the text of the piece below.

Please be sure to share it with your networks as we need to our message to reach as many people as possible if we are to win the fight against Big Pot.

Thank you for all you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet

"Cuomo's marijuana mistake: Legalizing pot is bad for young people and public health"

By Kevin Sabet

Just last year, Gov. Cuomo stood on the side of public health when he stated he was against legalizing marijuana because "marijuana leads to other drugs and there's a lot of proof that that's true."

Now, in a sudden about-face, he is ignoring the state medical society and has officially called for the state legislature to legalize the drug. Given the high potency rates of today's marijuana, Cuomo's new position is dangerous for our state.

In fact, studies show marijuana users are almost three times more likely to abuse harder drugs like opioids. At a time when our nation is in the throes of an immense opioid epidemic, the governor should put our youth before political expediency.

Cuomo has made this call for legalization under the guise of social justice, but marijuana legalization is no "win" for social justice. Washington, D.C., saw public consumption and distribution arrests nearly triple after legalization and a disproportionate number of those arrests occurred among African-Americans.

In Colorado, the first to legalize, the marijuana arrest rate for African-Americans was nearly double that of Caucasians in 2017. And African-American arrest rates have not slowed. To make matters worse, pot shops in the state are overwhelmingly located in the areas the industry deems as its profit centers: low income and minority communities.

Let's be clear: Legalization is not about social justice; it is about profits for a few wealthy people. That is why Altria, the Big Tobacco giant, is now trying to take over the pot business.

And pot won't bring promised revenues either: A recent Colorado study found that for every dollar raised in revenue, $4.50 must be spent to mitigate the negative impacts brought on by legalization. All the while, legalized states have seen rates of stoned driving deaths double.

Ironically, on the same day the governor announced that he supports legalization, the benchmark survey on youth drug use found that use among 10th graders has risen 10% over the last two years and vaping of the drug is up significantly among our young people.

This increase is a result of influential leaders such as Cuomo sending the message to kids that marijuana use is safe.

In reality, today's highly potent pot is harmful and severely impacts the ability of young people to learn, impairs memory, increases the risk of serious mental illness, and can even lead to a loss of IQ points. It makes our state less competitive and puts workers at risk due to workplace accidents.

The primary is over. Cuomo should return to his previous position - which was consistent with the science - and put the youth of our state ahead of short-term political points.

Sabet was a drug policy advisor in the Obama administration. He is the President and CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). SAM-NY is the New York Affiliate.

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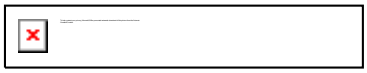

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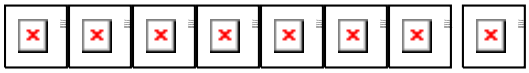

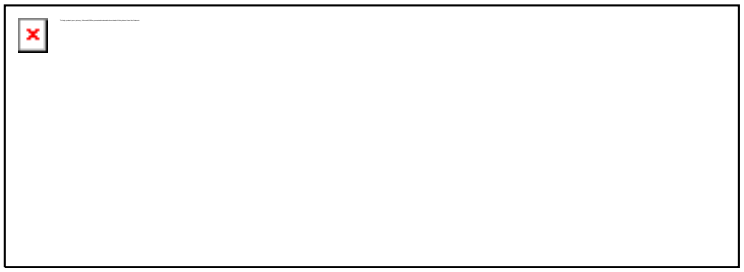

Public Health's Biggest Victories Over Big Pot in 2018

Public health and safety advocates, including Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action) and its state affiliates, are celebrating a year of victories against the growing marijuana industry as multiple marijuana legalization bills failed from coast-to-coast.

(1) NORTH DAKOTA GAVE THE INDUSTRY THE BOOT - RESOUNDINGLY

Healthy and Productive North Dakota, SAM Action's affiliate in the Peace Garden State, and other supporters, worked hard and defeated Measure 3 by the second-highest margin in the recent history of such ballot measures. This proposition would have created one of the worst recreational marijuana laws in the country.

The truly grassroots, volunteer coalition there stopped Big Marijuana from taking root.

(2) GARDEN STATE POT WOES: "FIRST 100 DAYS"? I DON'T THINK SO...

After promising to legalize pot within 100 days of taking office in 2017, New Jersey will enter 2019 with no recreational marijuana market, thanks to the hard work of parents and advocates across the state. SAM Action, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP), and partners have successfully worked to slow down the effort. Murphy and company simply do not have the votes to legalize pot in the Garden State.

(3) ILLINOIS PRO-POT POLITICIANS DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE

In Illinois, Healthy and Productive Illinois (HPIL) worked diligently in conjunction with local leaders, including students from Adlai Stephenson High School, to defeat a bill that would have put the question of marijuana commercialization on the ballot.

In April, HPIL, SAM, and Stephenson High School Students held a press conference highlighting a cost report that found marijuana legalization would cost the state of Illinois upwards of $670 million, far outweighing prospective tax revenues. After this, pro-pot politicians lost traction on their plan and the session ended with no legalization.

(4) VERMONT SAID "NOT SO FAST"

In Vermont, several legislators attempted a "Hail Mary" by trying to quickly move a bill to legalize retail sales late in the session. SAM Vermont stepped in and brought about a victory for public health as the bill was overwhelmingly voted down in the House of Representatives.

(5) POT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN IN DELAWARE

In June, the Delaware House of Representatives shot down a bill seeking to legalize marijuana in the First State. By a vote of 21-15, state lawmakers deflated the hopes of Big Marijuana at expanding into the state and stood strong in support of public health and safety..

Governor John Carney repeatedly stated that he was opposed to legalization and a large coalition of police groups, doctors, hospitals, and several of the state's largest employers led by Keep Delaware Healthy and Safe, a SAM Affiliate, and AAA-Mid-Atlantic, rose to the occasion to defeat this reckless proposal.

(6) GRANITE STATE STANDS STRONG

In New Hampshire, the House voted to send a bill - which would have allowed possession of three quarters of an ounce and three plants - back to a study committee, which killed the bill for the remainder of the year. New Futures, a SAM partner, worked diligently within the state to urge legislators to heed the lessons of other states that made the mistake of legalizing marijuana.

(7) BIG POT'S BIG POCKETS COULDN'T AFFORD CONNECTICUT

Earlier in April, pro-pot advocates were ready to declare victory in Connecticut as a bill to legalize marijuana was passed out of committee. Fortunately, state lawmakers sided with science and health officials over the pot industry and refused to bring the bill to a vote in either chamber before the session expired. Earlier in the year, the Connecticut chapter of SAM (CT-SAM) released a comprehensive cost study finding that marijuana legalization would cost the state $216 million, well exceeding the projected revenue of $113 million.

(8) RHODE ISLAND AFFILIATE ANNUALLY SMACKS DOWN POT EXPANSION

In Rhode Island, our partners have been extremely successful in fighting back Big Marijuana's attempts to expand into the state. Their tireless efforts have resulted in legalization bills being defeated in the legislature every year for the last seven years.

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.

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM. "The wins in these states call for celebration, but we know Big Marijuana won't give up easily - they have too much money on the line. We won't ever give up either - we have the future of our country on the line."

AND FOR GOOD MEASURE...

We're not giving up on states like Michigan, where pro-pot interests panicked and poured millions of dollars in at the last minute. In fact, thanks to our inner-city outreach, we outperformed in Detroit and SAM Action's partner, Healthy and Productive Michigan (HPMI), remains the state voice standing up against the industry. HPMI is now organizing local community "opt-outs" to reject pot shops.

Speaking of opt-outs, Massachusetts should also be mentioned: More than two years after voting in favor of pot, only a small handful of communities have shops up and running. A major opt-out effort has been successful throughout the state, with communities such as Concord, Burlington, Foxboro, and all of Cape Cod opting out of marijuana establishments.

Our efforts in California in helping local communities push back against the industry continue, also. Parents and educators across the state weighed in and kept

marijuana out of school nurse office when the marijuana industry wanted it. The League of California Cities is leading efforts to maintain control as Big Pot tries to roll back regulations that prevent billboards and marijuana delivery services. Additionally, 85% of cities and towns in the state have opted out of commercialization.

This last year was one public health advocates can look back on with pride.

Advocates across the country all came together to push back on Big Marijuana's attempts to further their addiction-for-profit scheme and together, we notched resounding victories. That said, we cannot rest on our laurels just yet. The industry will be back next year and will be looking for revenge. Let's keep working together to keep our nation healthy.

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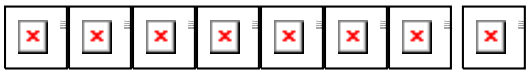

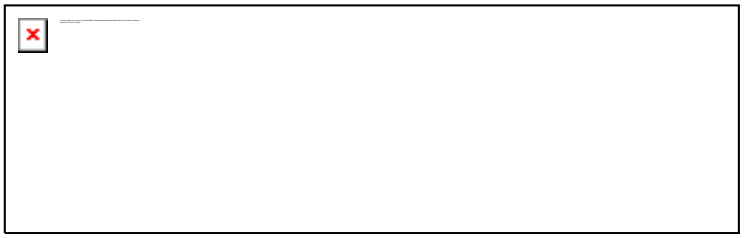

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Altria Invests in Vaping Giant, Juul, a Week After Doing the Same in Cronos, a Marijuana Cultivator

(Alexandria, VA) - It's official. Big Tobacco is continuing its efforts to monopolize the marijuana industry. Today, Altria, one of the world's largest producers and marketers of tobacco products, announced it is investing $12.8 billion in vaping giant, Juul, a company that controls 68% of the e-cigarette market.

Here is why this is a big deal:

The move comes just a week after the Marlboro maker announced it is pumping $1.8 billion in Canadian marijuana grower, Cronos. It is also coming a week after we learned that pot vaping has risen significantly, up more than 50% among all age groups.

Juul has and continues to take heat for how its products are appealing to and getting into the hands of minors. The company is even the subject of a class action lawsuit alleging its marketing specifically targets minors. Sound familiar? Big Marijuana and its predecessor, Big Tobacco, are pros at targeting children.

"Big Tobacco is officially going all in with the marijuana industry now," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "The men in suits who once told America that nicotine is not addictive are now doing the same with marijuana, and laughing all the way to the bank. Big Tobacco's involvement caused deaths from tobacco to skyrocket. With those same characters now cornering the pot industry, we can expect to see this addiction-for-profit industry become even more nefarious."

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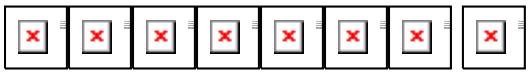


Dear friend,

What a year it has been. 2018 marked a time when public health and safety advocates from around the country came together to push back against Big Marijuana's attempts to further their addiction-for-profit scheme. We stopped them in eight states. We stopped them in Congress. We stopped them in the Executive branch.

I'll touch more upon these victories in a bit, but first, I'd like to point out a sobering fact:

From the day SAM was founded, we have been saying that **Big Marijuana will evolve into another public health crisis like Big Tobacco**. Folks laughed it away, assured that the marijuana industry would be "responsible" and that we'd "finally get regulation right." Big Tobacco and Big Pharma would never get involved, they said.

Well, they aren't laughing now. In fact, a Forbes article published just this month admitted a painful truth, highlighting Altria's enormous investment into Cronos (a giant marijuana cultivator in Canada):

> ***"Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)'s legalization opponent Kevin Sabet may be right: like it or not Big Tobacco is invading cannabis."***

We wish we weren't right. But we were. And it gets worse.

It was just recently announced that Altria is now also moving to own a minor stake in JUUL, the main culprit behind today's epidemic of youth vaping.

But we won't ever back down. In 2019, we will continue to expose the marriage of Big Marijuana and Big Tobacco. We will stop Big Pot's entry into the US financial system, and we will continue with our hard-fought legislative work.

We'll build off our 2018 victories when we took on Big Pot all across the country last year, both at the ballot box and in various state legislatures. For those who insist pot legalization had a good year, we remind them that our partners defeated legalization by the second largest margin in history in North Dakota and we struck down legalization bills in Illinois, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. On the federal level, this year marked a time when SAM was able to flood the offices of key lawmakers with phone calls and other grassroots action from supporters like you -- and in the end, 34 pro-pot amendments were blocked in the House Rules Committee alone.

Speaking of amendments, Colorado Senator and pot industry darling Cory Gardner attempted to use the First Step act - a comprehensive, bi-partisan criminal justice reform bill - as a vehicle to federally legalize marijuana by attaching his STATES Act bill as an amendment. SAM sent a letter condemning the move to Senate Leadership and thankfully, Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley shot down Gardner's attempt at "back-door legalization" and stripped the amendment from the bill.

While this year was certainly one for the books, the new year always brings with it new challenges. The fight in New Jersey is far from over and the fight in new states is just beginning.

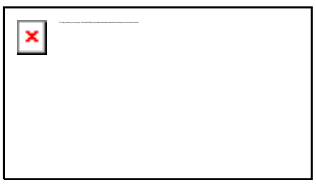
We plan to take on Big Marijuana where ever it rears its head, but we are already putting the infrastructure in place to defend health and safety in Connecticut, New York, and Illinois, places where governors have pledged to push for legalization in the next year.

As we set down to plan our operations, you play an important and critical role. None of the aforementioned successes would have been possible without your generous support and we will not be able to add to our wins next year without your continued support.

That said, please consider helping us budget for the upcoming year with a donation by clicking here. If you can, please consider giving $1,000, $500, $250, or even $100 to help defeat Big Marijuana in 2019.

We have proven we know how to win, now it is up to you to help us do it again.

Thank you for your support,



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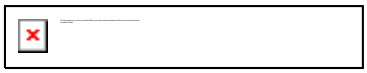

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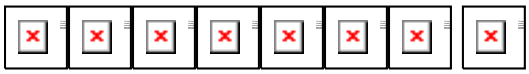
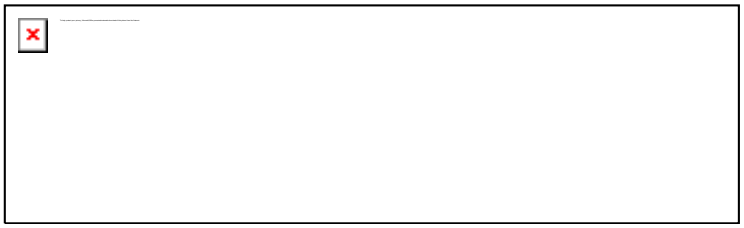




JANUARY THEME:
RESOLUTION MONTH!

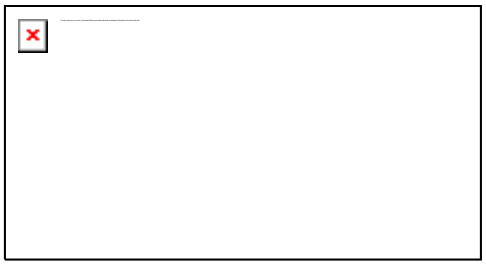
It's a brand new year! This month, we are calling on you to reject Big Marijuana and resolve to educate others of its harms.

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

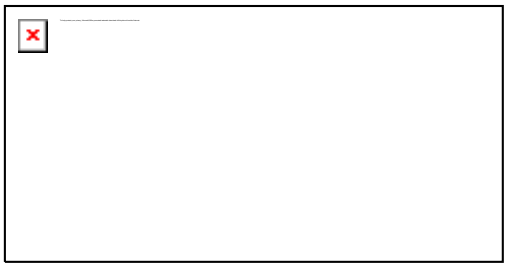
Some one-liners to share on social media:

- Big Marijuana continues its profits-over-people business model to hook new users from the young to the elderly. For example, The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found monthly marijuana use for those 12 and older is up 42% in Nevada while the same study found more and more older Americans are using marijuana than ever before.
- Education is the best line of defense- Knowing the facts about marijuana and its harms will shield people from addiction.
- Addiction is real and treatable- Cannabis Use Disorder is linked to psychotic and depressive symptoms, but the National Institutes of Health has several options to kick the habit.
- The Marlboro Man is investing in marijuana vaping- Altria is spending big bucks to grab a piece of Big Marijuana, investing 1.8 billion dollars in Canadian marijuana company Cronos Group, and there's word the e-cigarette company Juul could be next. There's good reason. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future survey, vaping marijuana is up 63 percent for eighth and tenth graders across America.

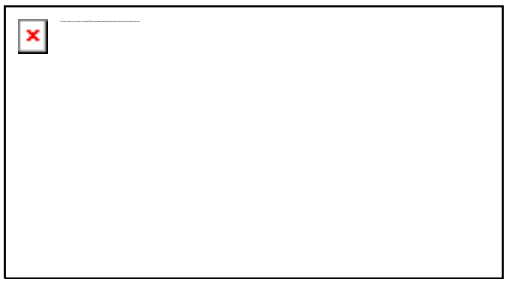
Videos to help end addiction and educate others:



Our Founder and President on SAM's Goals and Perils of Commercialized Marijuana



A Mental Health Expert on Helping to get Someone off Marijuana



A Victim of Abuse Talks Withdrawal Symptoms and Side Effects of Cannabis Use Disorder

Sample tweets:

- Marijuana addiction is real, but treatable. https://bit.ly/2Opwx3O
- Drop the pot in 2019 and show others what's wrong with commercialized weed. https://bit.ly/2xNbhvi
- Big Tobacco wants to take over Big Marijuana and has its sights on you. https://cnn.it/2jXoU3U
- Listen to the facts, not the rhetoric, when it comes to commercialized marijuana. https://bit..ly/2xToiU2

Sample Facebook post:

- Make 2019 your best year yet! If that means stopping your marijuana addiction, then start now. Kick Big Marijuana out the door by learning the

facts about recreational marijuana, not the lies from this profits-over-people industry. It's time to put your life back in your hands.

Additional information:

- National Institutes of Health: Treating Addiction
- Marijuana Legalization Quick Facts
- General Marijuana Talking Points

Sample materials/templates for media outreach:

- Corinne LaMarca-Gasper Opinion Piece in Chicago Tribune
- SAM Slams Weed For Rails Proposal: How to Handle Pro-MJ News
- Annual HHS Survey Finds Marijuana Use Higher in "Legal" States: How to Handle Study Results

2019 is here, and with the new year ahead, many people are making resolutions for the next 365 days. Make one of them educating others on the hazards of commercialized marijuana, or if you are using, make it your goal to kick the habit.

Look to the future of a world without Big Marijuana and what it brings to society, including skyrocketing drugged driving, the targeting of children and the low-income communities as well as arrest disparities.

Moreover, if you do know someone with a Cannabis Use Disorder, use this information to inform them and give them hope from the hopeless brought by Big Marijuana..

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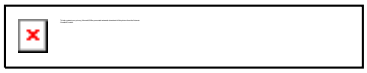

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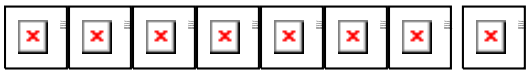

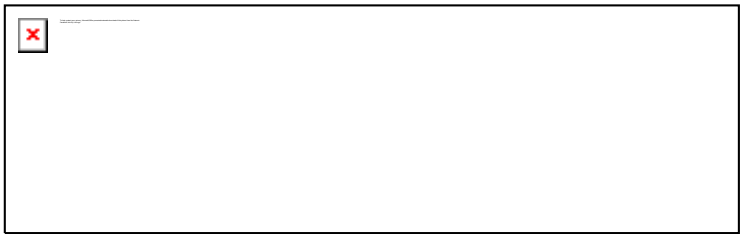

Dear friend,

This groundbreaking new book is making waves all across the country, exposing the marijuana industry's lies for what they are- a smokescreen to help them maximize profits. For more background, please read the author's (Alex Berenson) recent op-eds in the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*.

"As Americans consider making marijuana a legal drug, it would be wise to remember the choices that fueled the devastating opioid epidemic. Decades ago, many of the same people pressing for marijuana legalization argued that the risks of opioid addiction could be easily managed.

A half-million deaths later, we have learned how wrong they were."

Read: What Advocates of Legalizing Pot Don't Want You to Know
New York Times - Alex Berenson

"Yet 20 years ago, the U.S. moved to encourage wider use of cannabis and opiates. In both cases, we decided we could outsmart these drugs- enjoying their benefits without their costs. And in both cases, we were wrong. Opiates are riskier than cannabis, and the overdose deaths they cause are a more imminent crisis, so public and government attention

have focused on them. Soon, the mental illness and violence that follow cannabis use also may be too widespread to ignore."

Read: Marijuana is More Dangerous Than You Think
Wall Street Journal - Alex Berenson

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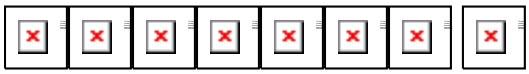

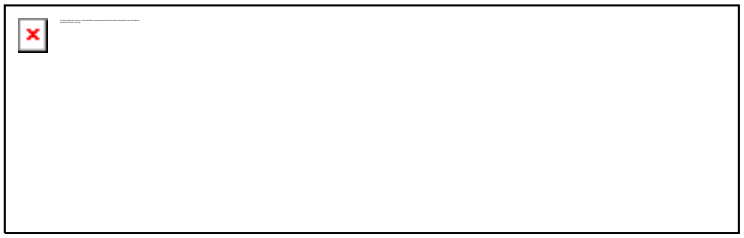

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Governor Phil Murphy Renews Call to Legalize Marijuana; SAM and NJ-RAMP Vows Continued Pushback

(Trenton, NJ) - Today, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy renewed his call to legalize marijuana in the Garden State. In response, Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to MarijuanaÂ (SAM) issued the following statement:

"Last year, Governor Murphy promised to sign marijuana legalization into law within his first one hundred days in office. Today, we are one year into his administration and thanks to the efforts of SAM, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP), and a

host of other public health and safety groups, the governor has failed to make good on that promise.

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According to a poll from Fairleigh Dickinson University, the majority of New Jerseyans oppose the legalization of marijuana when given the choice between all options of marijuana policy. 53% of residents either want marijuana to remain illegal or be decriminalized while only 42% favor outright legalization.

"Governor Murphy has pushed for legalization based on two false premises: it will be a win for social justice and it will help solve the state's budget shortfall. As we have seen in the handful of states that have legalized marijuana, social justice victories fail to materialize as the marijuana industry disproportionally targets low income and minority locations as its profit centers and arrest disparities continue. Moreover, the legal market fuels a thriving black market that then undercuts the promised tax revenue. No matter how you chose to slice it, states simply cannot regulate this industry.

"SAM and NJ-RAMP will continue working with influential leaders in New Jersey to push back against Governor Murphy's reckless pro-pot agenda and strive to keep the Garden State from going to pot."

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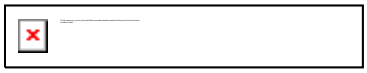

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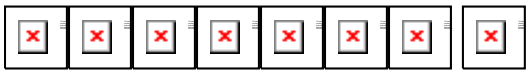

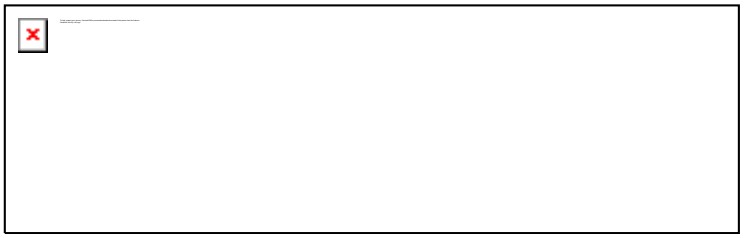

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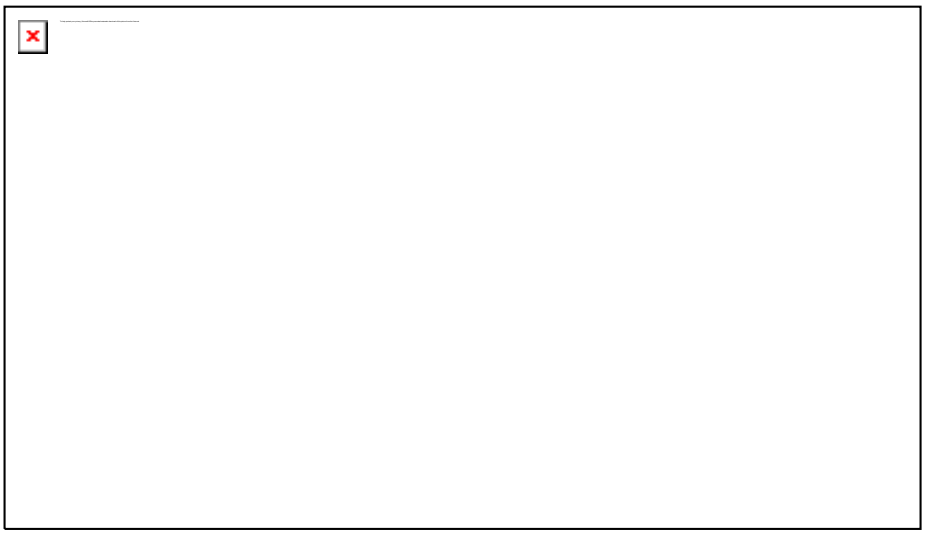
SAM Unveils New Resource: Marijuana Industry Donation Tracker

New SAM intiative exposes recipients of marijuana industry money in Congress

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), the leading non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to opposing marijuana legalization and holding Big Marijuana accountable, is proud to announce the unveiling of our new initiative, "The Money Trail: Where Big Pot Meets Big Politics," that tracks marijuana industry donations to elected officials at the federal level.

This initiative seeks to expose elected officials who pocket money from the marijuana industry and then support policies that would benefit the industry. This blatant conflict of interest must be exposed, and we are proud to roll out this resource free of charge.



The top five recipients of marijuana industry money in Congress are:

Representative Earl Blumenauer - Oregon 3rd- $33,176
Representative Dina Titus - Nevada 1st- $19,350
Representative Barbara Lee - California 13th- $18,604
Representative Ed Perlmutter - Colorado 7th- $16,858
Representative Tom McClintock - California 4th- $12,350

"These elected officials have decided to put the addiction-for-profit interests of Big Pot over the interest of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of SAM. "We at SAM have been actively following the flow of money from the industry to elected officials and now the public can see if their member of Congress has been bought and paid for by Big Marijuana and its Big Tobacco investors."

Of note, numerous members who were showered in cash from the industry lost their seat in the most recent midterm election including Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California and Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida. Former Congressman Rohrabacher raked in over $92,000 from

the industry before losing his seat while Curbelo took in more than $83,000. This is unsurprising as, according to a recent IPSOS poll, 44% of Americans are less likely to support elected officials who take money from the marijuana industry.

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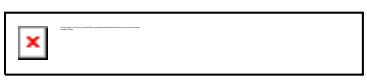

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Alex Berenson

To Speak at 2019 SAM Summit

April 25, 2019

Register Here

In what will most certainly be the event of the summer, award winning author and former *New York Times* journalist Alex Berenson will sit down with SAM president Dr. Kevin Sabet to discuss his new, groundbreaking book "*Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*. Berenson's work prompted an unprecedented cover article by Malcolm Gladwell in *The New Yorker* and *Mother Jones*

Alex's book, published just weeks ago and already in its third print, has turned the pot industry upside down. Marijuana apologists have been working overtime to debunk Alex's meticulously researched book.

While Berenson can offer an in-depth look at his research, featured keynote speaker former US Attorney Bob Troyer will present an eyewitness account of how marijuana commercialization has negatively impacted the state of Colorado. Make sure you check out his September 2018 op-ed "It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization."

This year's summit will once again be taking place in conjunction with the Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

Registration Rates:

- Attend SAM Summit Only: $349
- Add to Rx Summit Registrations: $299

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

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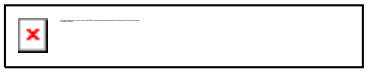

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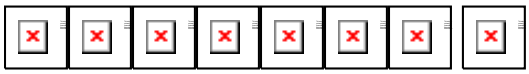

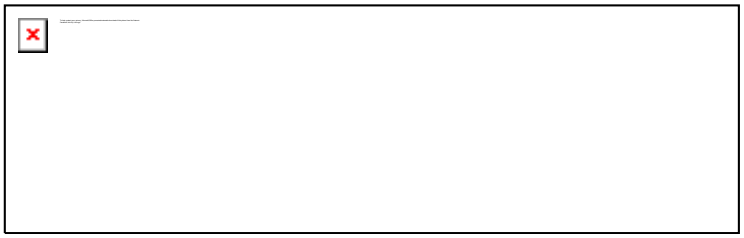

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BREAKING: Oregon Utterly Fails to Regulate the Marijuana Market; SAM Calls for Moratorium on Sales

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, an audit conducted by the Oregon Secretary of State **found** that the recreational marijuana market has failed to stay up to date on mandated inspections, its testing system continues to allow exposure to harmful contaminants, and regulators of the industry have done next to nothing to stop legal marijuana from fueling the black market.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), an organization founded by former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, is calling for an immediate

moratorium on "legal" marijuana sales, an independent commission to examine the problems with the "legal" market, a Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation on the shortcomings in Oregon, and the possible appointment of a special master by the federal government.

This remarkable **report** found that only 3% of Oregon's retail stores and only a third of its growers have been inspected for shortcomings, like molds, metals, and bacteria. In a remarkable statement for a legal-state government entity, the state admitted: "Oregon's marijuana testing program cannot ensure that test results are reliable, and products are safe."

"This earth-shattering **report** makes one thing clear: states cannot regulate the marijuana industry. Earlier this month, it was reported that Oregon was seriously considering **exporting pot** grown within its borders to other "legal" states. Now it comes to light that the problem is worse than we thought," said SAM President and CEO, former Obama advisor, Dr. Kevin Sabet. "It is painfully evident that the state is not just failing to hold the industry accountable, they aren't even trying."

In response to this report, SAM is officially calling for the following:

- An immediate moratorium on marijuana sales in the state of Oregon.
- An audit of state inspection facilities
- An independent state commission to examine problems
- DOJ and/or special master intervention to ensure the state secures public health

SAM is also actively looking into various legal channels to put an end to this clear public health crisis since the state is dramatically failing to do so. In addition, today SAM will formally request a meeting with Governor Katie Brown.

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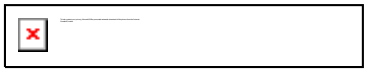

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From: SAM and SAM Action <info@learnaboutsam.org>
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To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: Meet New Members of the SAM Family!

Meet Our New Team (and more coming soon....)

Because of generous support from people like you, SAM and SAM Action are rapidly expanding. We're excited to announce Phase 1 of this expansion with our new state teams. We have identified the five focus states of **Michigan, Illinois, Vermont, New Jersey, and Rhode Island** for 2018 (though we are not neglecting others!). At our national offices, we have a new Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor from the healthcare tech field, and we will announce new positions and national team members soon. Please familiarize yourself with some of the new team members and don't hesitate to reach out to us!

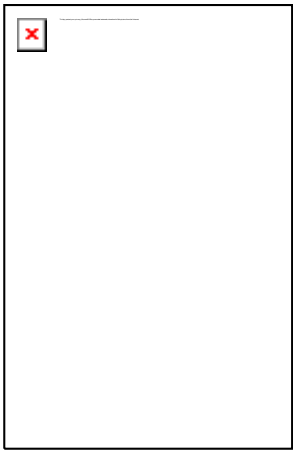
Luke Niforatos, SAM

Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Advisor

Prior to SAM, Luke spent his career working in nonprofit community healthcare. Luke worked for and consulted with many behavioral health-integrated, Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout the state of Colorado, improving efficiency and implementing new regulations as well as IT infrastructure. After several years of success in management and driving over $30 million in revenue at hospitals such as Centura Health, Luke founded two digital health companies. Having lived in Colorado during legalization, he has seen firsthand the disastrous effects of lax marijuana policies. Luke graduated from the University of Denver and now resides in Virginia with his wife and daughter.

Justin Luke Riley, Colorado

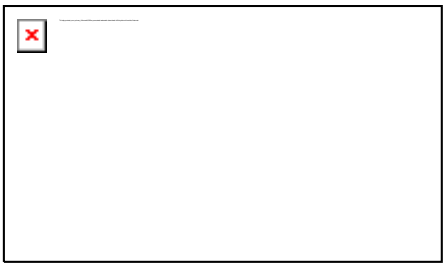
President, **Marijuana Accountability Coalition**



Justin Luke Riley serves as the head of SAM and SAM Action's Colorado efforts, in his capacity as the founding president of the Marijuana Accountability Coalition (MAC). In active recovery since 2007, Justin is a leader in the recovery community and was a Youth & Community Engagement Pastor as well as a private life coach. He graduated cum laude from the University Colorado at Denver in the University's Honors & Leadership Program in 2013, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Mediation, and Public Relations. He recently completed his Executive MBA from the University of Colorado. As a natural leader and gifted public speaker, Justin has been featured in many media outlets for his involvement in youth leadership and community engagement.

Kevin Ellis, Vermont

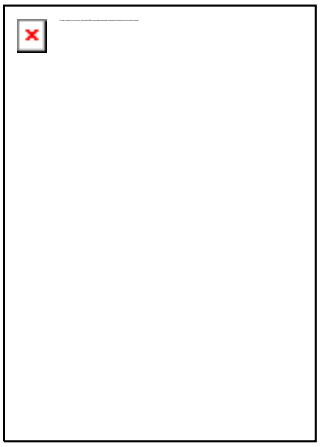
SAM Action Lobbyist, Partner, **Ellis-Mills**



An award-winning former journalist, Kevin Ellis and his firm Ellis-Mills, represents SAM Action in Vermont. Ellis-Mills provides strategic counsel to companies and nonprofits nationwide in message development, crisis management, PR and social media. Kevin was an award-winning newspaper reporter, including stints as the Washington correspondent for The Tennessean in Nashville and as the environmental reporter for the Burlington (VT) Free Press. He serves on the board of directors of Chelsea Green Publishing, a leading environmental and sustainability publisher and the Green Mountain Film Festival in Montpelier, VT. Kevin lives with his family in Cambridge, MA and East Montpelier, VT.

Scott Greenlee, Michigan

President, **Healthy & Productive Michigan**

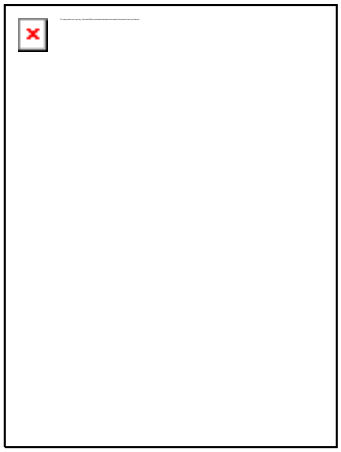


Lifelong Michigan resident Scott Greenlee is the President of Healthy and Productive Michigan, an organization opposed to the legalization of marijuana in Michigan. Scott has a long history of being active in community causes as a Member of and/or President of several Non-Profit organizations including being elected to serve as the Worldwide President of Junior Chamber International (the global arm of the Jaycees) in 2007, and having worked on the Board of Directors for the Project Rehab Foundation in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Additionally, he served as Vice Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party in 2009-10, Export Director for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2001-12, and on the Executive Staff of the Michigan Attorney General from 2013-15.

Tim McAnarney, Illinois

SAM Action Lobbyist, **Healthy & Productive Illinois**

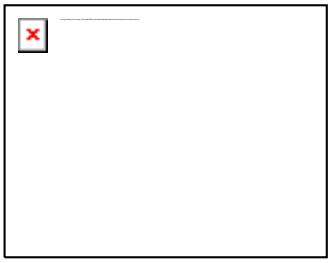
Tim McAnarney is our voice in Springfield, and helps direct Healthy and Productive Illinois, a coalition of concerned citizens. Tim has been a registered lobbyist in Illinois since 1988. After working 8 years in state government he worked 8 years running the Illinois U.S. Senate office for Alan J. Dixon, and also ran dozens of political campaigns for statewide candidates in Illinois. McAnarney Consulting also provides public relations advice for numerous public and private entities.



Jamie Epstein, Illinois

Grassroots Coordinator, Healthy & Productive Illinois

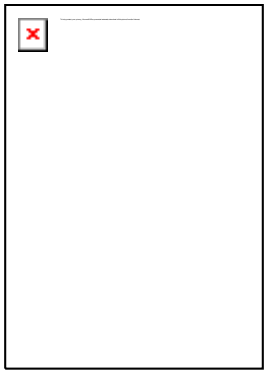
Jamie leads our grassroots efforts in the great state of Illinois. She has a MBA in non-profit management and has worked or volunteered in the field for the past 20 years. She is currently the founder and Executive Director of Stand Strong, dedicated to the prevention of underage drinking and drug use for the youth in IL-District 125, a large suburban high school in Lincolnshire, Illinois.



John Tassoni, Rhode Island

SAM Action Lobbyist

John Tassoni is a former member of the Rhode Island Senate serving from 2001-2012 and is associated with the Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council. Additionally, John is a community activist, a businessman and former union executive. He has over 30 years of experience in the private sector and labor community, and represents SAM Action proudly in Rhode Island!



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Grace Hanlon, New Jersey

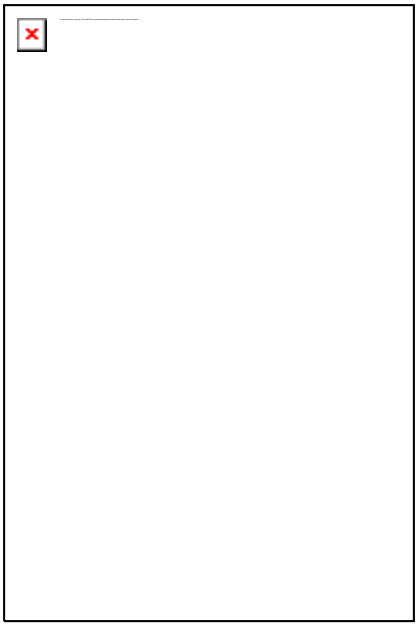
Grassroots Coordinator, **SAM Action/NJ-RAMP**

Grace is SAM Action's Grassroots Coordinator for our partner organization, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy. Hanlon brings a diverse background to her duties as the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism, where tourism is a $35.5 billion industry. Ms. Hanlon also founded the Multi-Media production company Edvantage Media Group, which produces broadcast-quality educational and parenting programs.

Hanlon serves on the Board of Trustees for Oaks Integrated Care, Preferred Behavioral Health Group, Jersey Shore Partnership, and is an active volunteer and supporter of the Dynamite Youth Center- which specializes in drug free counseling to rehabilitate drug dependent adolescents/young adults through educational programs, advocacy, community services, and family involvement. Ms. Hanlon is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania, where she received a Master's Degree in Psychology.

Jeanette Hoffman, New Jersey

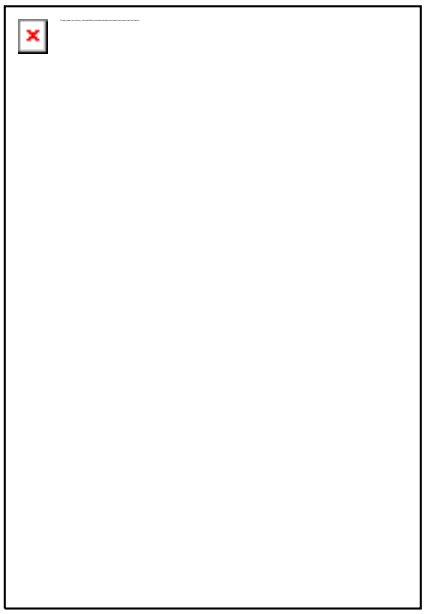
Communications Director, **SAM Action/NJ-RAMP**



Jeanette Hoffman serves as SAM Action's Communications Director for partner organization, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy. She is an experienced public affairs consultant and statewide media spokesperson specializing in strategic messaging, crisis communications and public affairs campaigns. Hoffman can be seen on several New Jersey television and radio stations discussing state politics and public policy. She is regularly featured as a political strategist for media outlets such as NJTV, CBS News, My9, Fox 5 NY, Fox 29 Philly, News 12 New Jersey, Gannett Newspapers, Ebru TV, Al Jazeera America, National Public Radio, WNYC radio and New Jersey 101.5. Jeanette has been named to NJBIZ's prestigious "Forty Under 40" list and Fox's "Chasing News" Power List. Since 2012, State Senator Loretta Weinberg has consistently featured Jeanette on her New Jersey Women of Power List. She's also been named one of Observer/PolitickerNJ's top political operatives several times.

Dana Stevens, California

Grassroots Organizer, **SAM/High Means DUI**



Dana serves as the head of SAM and SAM Action's grassroots operations. She also oversees SAM's High Means DUI initiative which seeks to bring light to the stories of victims of marijuana-related car crashes. She has been a public health and safety advocate most of her adult life! She cut her policy chops serving as a volunteer for the 9th District PTA (San Diego & Imperial Counties) as Vice President of Community Concerns and then Vice President of Public Health. She also served on the state PTA Legislative Committee where she learned to work state legislation. Volunteer policy work led to professional campaign initiatives, including the Campaign to Stop Gun Violence (including the assault weapons ban, an initiative to eliminate Saturday Night Specials and to prohibit "look-a-like toy guns).

In 1994, Dana ran the San Diego County campaign organization in opposition to big tobacco's Prop 188 (to roll back California's progressive tobacco-free workplace laws). In spite of being outspent (20/1) the NO on 188 campaign trounced big tobacco with 74% of the vote. Her work to reduce binge and underage drinking in Mexico (where the drinking age is 18) was featured on CBS News programs 60Minutes and 48-Hours as well as the Journal of the American Medical Association. Dana is also the Executive Director Community Action, Service & Advocacy.

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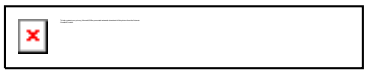

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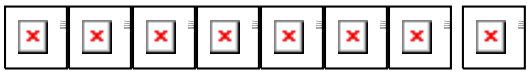

We have two major events taking place today. Check out what is happening below!

NJ-RAMP and SAM Action support bi-partisan legislation addressing social justice issues surrounding marijuana, speak at State Senator Ron Rice's Press Conference

A new video supporting the legislation can be seen here!

SAM Action, and its affiliate NJ-RAMP, and have been hard at work in New Jersey, rallying many community and political leaders to the cause of not selling the state to the marijuana industry. State Senator Ron Rice has authored legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Bishop Jethro James, President of the Newark/North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen who served on Gov. Murphy's transition team, stated, "Marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops littering the city is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined." This press conference takes place at 11:00 AM ET and SAM team members Will Jones, III and Mervyn Jones, II will be in attendance. A special video has been put together marking this announcement.

SAM releases *The Cost of Marijuana Legalization in Connecticut,* finding marijuana legalization will cost the state $216 Million; holds press conference with CT-SAM and Yale Researchers

SAM Connecticut has worked in conjunction with SAM and SAM's Scientific Advisory Board to release a thorough analysis of what the costs of marijuana legalization will be if done in their state. The results of the analysis were staggering: costs associated with legalization were $216 million compared to a paltry $113.6 million in tax revenue. "Everyone likes to talk about the assumed revenue that marijuana legalization would bring to a state, but no one likes to discuss the costs affiliated with such policy measures," said Kevin A. Sabet, a former Obama Administration drug policy adviser who is now head of the anti-legalization group SAM. "This report will hopefully give lawmakers in Connecticut reason to pause and consider the implications of such policies."

Read the report here and tune in to press coverage as Kevin Sabet, Deepak Cryil D' Souza, MD, MBBS, and others speak at the 10:00 AM ET Press Conference in Hartford, CT.

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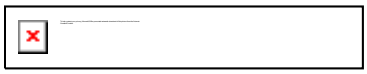

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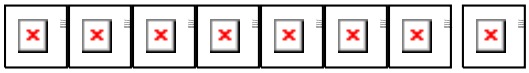

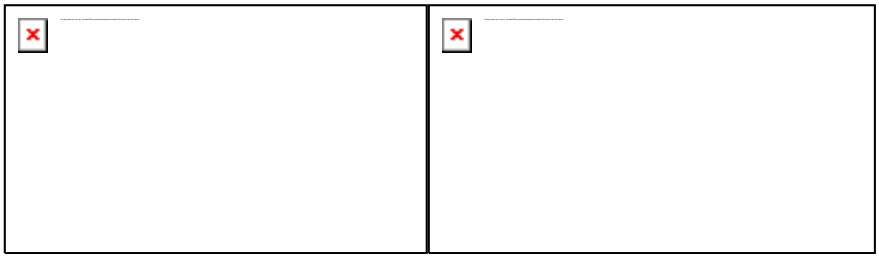

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LEADING MARIJUANA POLICY ORGANIZATIONS APPLAUD BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ADDRESSING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES SURROUNDING MARIJUANA

TRENTON, NJ -- Today, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana and Smart Approaches to Marijuana officials joined Senator Ron Rice, Senator Robert Singer, legislators, and coalition members in supporting legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Both groups released this video to mark their support for the bill.

"Non-violent drug offenders - regardless of the drug - should not be saddled with criminal records that would jeopardize their recovery and reintegration into our communities," said Representative Patrick Kennedy, honorary chair of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM).

A recent Farleigh Dickinson University poll found support for legalization is slipping. That poll found only a minority of New Jersey voters supported legalization when given other options such as decriminalization.

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"This proposed legislation is the beginning of criminal justice reform," James continued. "However, any amount of marijuana is not acceptable to our community, for it will only lead to greater drug abuse and criminal activity."

"At a time when the commercial marijuana industry is putting extreme pressure on New Jersey lawmakers to legalize recreational marijuana, we applaud Senators Rice and Singer for offering this alternative and meaningfully tackling social justice reforms," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder of SAM and its partner NJ-RAMP. Dr. Sabet is a former drug policy advisor to President Obama.

Sabet noted that according to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, the number of Hispanic and African American kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent two years after Colorado legalized it. In the same period, the number of white kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent.

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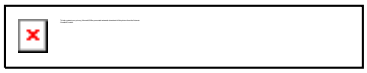

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NJ Legislative Black Caucus Marijuana Legislative Hearing

Watch Live!

Jersey City, NJ - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), and it's affiliate, NJ Responsible Approaches to Marijuana (NJ-RAMP), will be testifying about the impact of marijuana legalization in front of the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus. You can watch it live here!

WHO: New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) Coalition Members, including

- Kevin Sabet, PhD., President of SAM and NJ affiliate NJ-RAMP, former drug policy advisor to President Obama;
- Kristina Ziobro, New Jersey parent who lost her son to marijuana
- Todd Raybuck, Police Captain, Las Vegas, NV
- Luke Niforatos, Chief of Staff, SAM, and Twenty-year Denver resident
- Billy Fusco, Dynamite Youth Center
- Will Jones, Communications Associate, SAM, and D.C. resident

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 10 am to 1 pm

WHAT: New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus Hearing on Marijuana

WHERE: Cityline Church, 1510 JFK Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ,

LIVESTREAM: https://njblackcaucus.cleeng.com/nj-legislative-black-caucus-marijuana-legislative-hearing/E298257795_US

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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.

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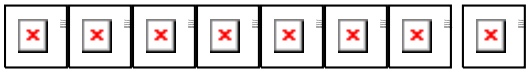

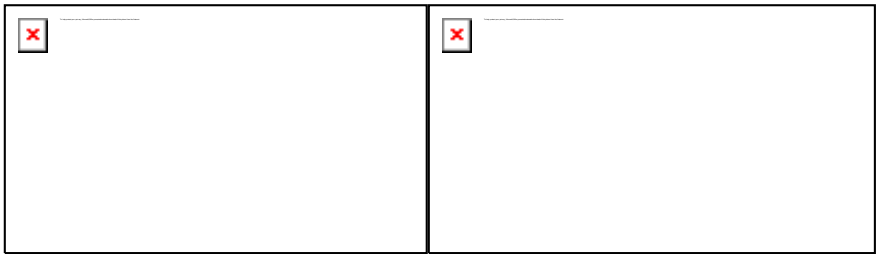

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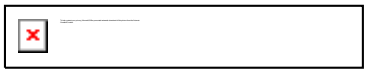

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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LEGISLATORS INTRODUCE BI-PARTISAN SOCIAL JUSTICE LEGISLATION

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"At a time when the commercial marijuana industry is putting extreme pressure on New Jersey lawmakers to legalize recreational marijuana, we applaud Senators Rice and Singer for taking a step back and tackling meaningful social justice reforms," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its affiliate, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy.

NJ-RAMP IN THE NEWS

WNYC: Opponents of Recreational Marijuana Legalization Show Up in Force at Black Caucus Hearing

VIDEO: A new video supporting bipartisan social justice legislation can be seen here!

Will marijuana legalization bandwagon be slowed by decriminalization effort?

Legal marijuana foes offer a compromise: Decriminalize it

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JOIN NJ-RAMP!

Our coalition is growing! Please spread the word to your contacts to join us (it's free) although donations are welcome!

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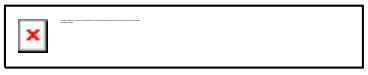

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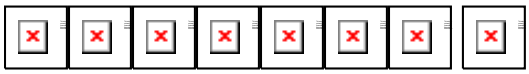

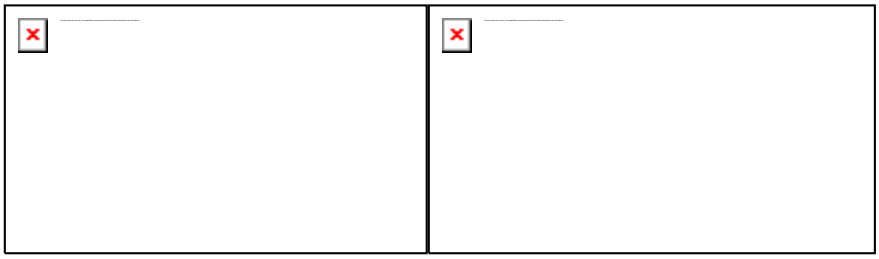

Dear Fellow Garden Stater,

As you know, the discussion about legalization in our state is heating up. Our opposition, which includes groups funded by the tobacco and marijuana industries, are sweating because the idea no longer carries with it the sense of inevitability it might have had a few months back. And that is because of all of our hard work!

To that end, we've produced an anti-legalization toolkit you can use in your community. You can use this toolkit to write op-eds, advocate for local bans, meet with legislators, convene community town-halls, and many other things. We're excited to be releasing it today!

Together, we win! Thanks for your work,

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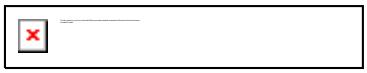

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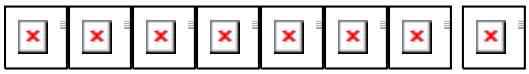

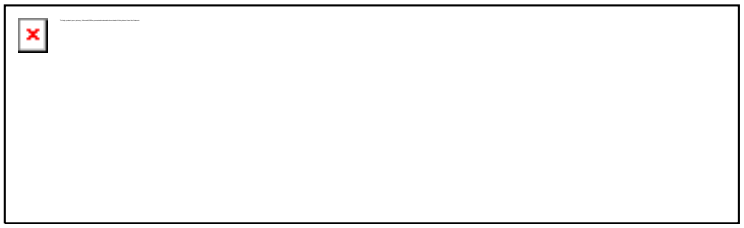

SAM Announces Online Center for Marijuana Resources

Resource Center for Public Health and Public Safety Clinicians and Practitioners Includes Library and Search Tool

Since legalization has been passed in several states, and marijuana normalization has increased, clinicians and practitioners have been faced with numerous challenges. To respond to these needs, today SAM has announced a new online **Center for Marijuana Resources for Public Health and Public Safety Clinicians and Practitioners.**

Click Here to Access the Free Resource Center!

This Resource Center provides clinicians and practitioners in all fields of public health and safety the ability to look up academic references and media articles to find information on a range of issues. The Resource Library has the latest PowerPoints and videos from clinicians and scientists on a range of subjects. The Resource Tool is a continually-updated search engine for articles related to various topics

This is just the beginning. We will soon be adding information such as:

How do I know if my patients have a marijuana use disorder?

Where can I refer people to help?

What are the signs of a co-occurring disorder?

Is marijuana addiction real? What does it look like?

What are some brief interventions that have proven to be effective?

What are the effects of secondhand marijuana smoke?

Starting today, SAM staff will continue to update the center. If you would like to send us a resource to be considered for inclusion, please email us at info@learnaboutsam.org.

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NJ-RAMP WEEKLY UPDATE

New Study Finds One in Four 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana If Legalized

More 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. 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.

The survey reported "a greater proportion of youth than ever predicted they would use marijuana if it were legally available. Historic highs over the 43 years of the study were reached in the percentage of 12th grade students who reported that they would try marijuana if it were legal (15.2%), as well as users who reported that they would use it more often than their current level of use (10.1%). The percentage who reported they would not use marijuana even if it were legal significantly declined to less than 50% for the first time ever over the 43-year life of the study (specifically, to 46.5%)."

Overall, the rate of 12th graders saying they would not use marijuana if it were legalized fell 30% in the last ten years. Additionally, the rate of 12th graders who said they would use more marijuana if it were legal increased by almost 100% in the past decade. These changes are also significant when comparing rates from 2016. Marijua na sales are now allowed in eight states and D.C.

"These findings fly in the face of the Big Marijuana argument that somehow fewer young people will use marijuana if it is legalized," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "The data is clear. As more states move to commercialize, legalize, and normalize marijuana - more young people are going to use today's super-strength drug."

The survey reported that "it is likely that the growing number of states that have legalized recreational marijuana use for adults plays a role in the increasing tolerance of marijuana use among 12th grade students, who may interpret increasing legalization as a sign that marijuana use is safe and state-sanctioned."

The 2017 Monitoring the Future survey, compiled by researchers at the University of Michigan and funded by the National Institutes of Health, is the benchmark for student drug use in the United States.

According to the survey, the combination of low levels of perceived risk when it comes to using marijuana and the low disapproval for regular use sets the stage for "potentially substantial" increases in the use of the substance in the future. In 2017 the proportion of 12th graders who favor legalization of marijuana was at the highest level ever recorded, at 49%.

"This survey confirms what public health advocates have long claimed: as more is done to make THC candies, cookies, sodas, concentrates look innocent and safe, young people are more attracted to them and hold favorable views of them," said Dr. Sabet.. "In states that have loosened their marijuana laws youth use is steadily rising. This is a trend that will continue if we do not pump the brakes on this failed experiment."

Woodcliff Lake, Mahwah are the Latest NJ Towns to Ban Marijuana

The Bergen County Communities of Woodcliff Lake and Mahwah Township joined dozens of New Jersey towns in banning marijuana sales in their municipalities.

Both municipalities passed ordinances to prohibit all marijuana-related companies from doing business in their communities, including dispensaries, cultivation facilities and manufacturing plants.

"The town has done a very good job over the last two decades of educating our kids on drugs," Mahwah Council President Robert Hermansen told The Record. "This is the right message to send."

From Bergen County to Cape May, NJ-RAMP has heard from towns and municipalities across the state that legalizing an addictive drug in the midst of an opioid crisis is bad public policy. These towns and counties-including Governor Murphy's home county of Monmouth-have taken action and passed resolutions and ordinances to ban marijuana dispensaries from their municipalities.

While Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth Counties have passed resolutions opposing the legalization of recreational marijuana, the following New Jersey towns have banned the sale of pot and related products:

Point Pleasant Beach (Ocean), Berkeley (Ocean), Old Bridge (Middlesex), Hazlet (Monmouth), Toms River (Ocean), Hawthorne (Passaic), Hasbrouck Heights (Bergen), Garfield (Bergen), Shrewsbury (Monmouth), Rumson (Monmouth), Wall (Monmouth), Seaside Heights (Ocean), Cranbury (Middlesex), North Caldwell (Essex), Cedar Grove (Essex), Chatham (Union), Spotswood (Middlesex), Mahwah (Bergen), Woodcliff Lake (Bergen), Brigantine (Atlantic), Bridgewater (Somerset), Carlstadt (Bergen), Surf City (Ocean).

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Mahwah latest New Jersey town to ban legal weed sales

Former presidential drug policy official advises against legalization of marijuana

The N.J. legal weed bill we've all been waiting on is finally here -- but can it pass?

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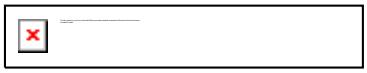

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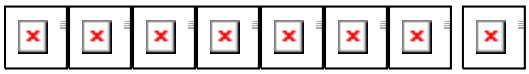

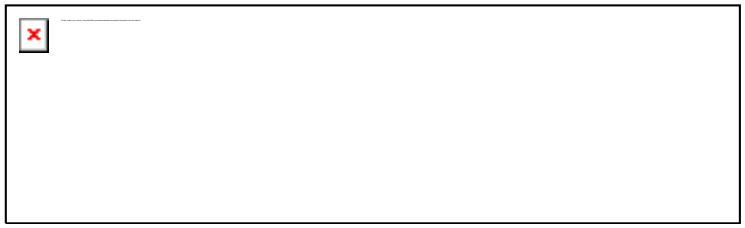

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Legislative Sessions End With Zero States Legalizing Marijuana

Leading Marijuana Policy Group Celebrates Victories as State-Level Marijuana Legalization Bills Fail

[Alexandria, VA] - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action and its state affiliates celebrated the victory of public health and safety over the marijuana industry in states across the country as multiple marijuana legalization bills died at the end of legislative sessions.

In Illinois, Healthy and Productive Illinois (HPI) worked diligently in conjunction with local leaders, including students from Adlai Stephenson High School, to defeat a bill that would have put the question of marijuana commercialization to a ballot initiative. In April, HPI, SAM Action, and Stephenson High School Students held a press conference highlighting a working paper that found marijuana legalization

would cost the state of Illinois upwards of $670 million, far outweighing prospective tax revenues.

In Vermont, several legislators attempted a "Hail Mary" by trying to quickly move a bill to legalize retail sales late in the session. SAM Vermont stepped in and brought about a victory for public health as the bill was overwhelmingly voted down in the House of Representatives.

New Hampshire also joined the states saying no to marijuana legalization this year. In the Granite State, the House voted to send a bill which would have allowed possession of three quarters of an ounce and three plants back to a study committee, which killed the bill for the remainder of the year. New Futures, a SAM Action affiliate, worked diligently within the state to urge legislators to heed the lessons of other states that made the mistake of legalizing marijuana.

Earlier in April, pro-pot advocates were ready to declare victory in Connecticut as a bill to legalize marijuana was passed out of committee. Fortunately, state lawmakers sided with science and health officials over the pot industry and refused to bring the bill to a vote in either chamber before the session expired. Earlier in the year, the Connecticut chapter of SAM (CT-SAM) released a comprehensive cost study finding that marijuana legalization would cost the state $216 million, well exceeding the projected revenue of $113 million.

Finally, while the legalization efforts of pro-pot Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey are not completely defeated, SAM Action and New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP) have successfully worked to slow down the effort. Governor Murphy promised to legalize and commercialize marijuana within his first hundred days and 140 days in, he has failed to deliver on that promise thanks to the work of NJ-RAMP, SAM, and other supporters.

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM Action. "The wins in these states call for celebration, but we know Big Marijuana won't give up easily - they have too much money on the line. We won't ever give up either - we have the future of our country on the line."

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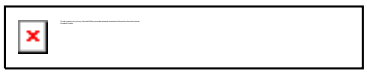

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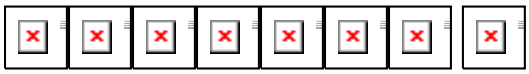

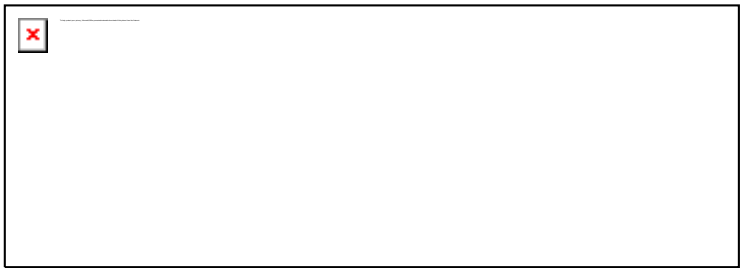

Dear Supporter,

As I am sure that you have heard by now, pro-marijuana Senators Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren introduced a bill last week that would shield the marijuana industry from enforcement of federal law.

Additionally, the bill would smooth other barriers in the law that have been holding the marijuana industry in check. These barriers, such as the lack of banking access, have kept Wall Street investment in the marijuana industry at bay. Should the Gardner/Warren bill pass, these barriers would no longer exist, and Big Marijuana would put pedal to the metal on full blown commercialization of their addiction-for-profit industry.

The fact is, the pot lobby is well-oiled, engaged and has deep pockets..

It is now imperative for those of us opposed to Big Marijuana to put boots on the ground in this fight for public health and safety.

There is no greater time than now to get involved. Would you please consider chipping in with a contribution now by clicking here?

Your contribution, no matter the size, will go far in helping SAM Action identify and activate the grassroots in opposition to not only the Gardner/Warren bill, but also any other pro-pot piece of legislation and ballot initiative as they pop up around the country.

Make no mistake, we are on the right side of history. It is up to all of us to pull our weight in the struggle for public health against the addiction-for-profit cabal.

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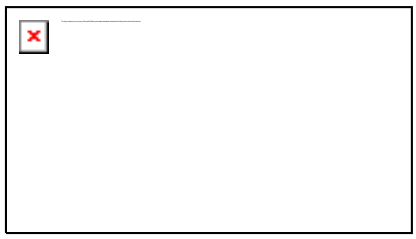

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NJ-RAMP UPDATE

This Is No Time to Go to Pot

Legalizing marijuana encourages use of harder drugs and sets back the cause of social justice.

By Patrick Kennedy and Kevin Sabet

https://www.wsj.com/articles/this-is-no-time-to-go-to-pot-1529018027

Sens. Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren have introduced a bill to legalize marijuana at the federal level in the name of "states' rights." In reality, it would give birth to Big Tobacco's successor.

This dangerous proposal would allow the marijuana industry to market high-potency pot candies, gummies and 99% pure extracts (compare that with 5% potent Woodstock weed). With 70% of today's illicit drug users having started with marijuana, not prescription drugs, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, this is exactly the wrong time to legalize pot.

Public-health data from states that have legalized strongly indicate that it is a failed experiment, resulting in more fatalities from driving while stoned, more emergency-room visits and poison-control calls, and more worker accidents and absenteeism.

The Gardner-Warren bill would enable the rapid expansion of businesses that grow, market and distribute high-potency pot products in kid-friendly forms, like candies, gummies and sodas. Marijuana is not a harmless drug, nor is the pot industry made up of responsible corporate citizens. Researchers in Colorado called 400 marijuana dispensaries, pretending to be 8 weeks pregnant and experiencing nausea. Seventy percent of the stores recommended THC products, ignoring the risks of marijuana use during pregnancy. States that have legalized, like Colorado, California and Oregon, grow many times the amount of marijuana they can consume. The excess ends up shipped all over the country.

Congress should not reward Big Marijuana for following the playbook of Big Tobacco. Rather, lawmakers should take a closer look at the public-health outcomes, especially the effect on young people. In a survey last year funded by the National Institutes of Health, 15% of 12th-graders said they would try marijuana if it were legal, and 10% said they would use it more often. The prevalence of annual marijuana use among students in the eighth, 10th and 12th grades rose last year to 24%.

There's proof, too, that marijuana legalization is no step forward for social justice. Two years after Colorado legalized, the number of Hispanic and African-American minors arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29% and 58%, respectively, according to state data; the figure for whites declined 8%. Bringing in more drugs would only hurt minorities further. Big Marijuana routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. In Denver, there are more pot shops than McDonald's and Starbucks combined.

At a time when legalizing recreational marijuana remains a contentious issue of debate, federal lawmakers should not be accelerating the proliferation of an industry that routinely targets children and minority communities. We don't need Wall Street-backed marijuana. Especially not now.

Mr. Kennedy, a former U.S. representative from Rhode Island, is a member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis and author of "A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction." Mr. Sabet, a former drug-policy adviser to three U.S. presidents, is president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action.

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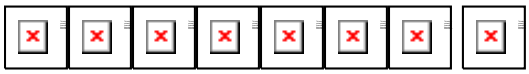
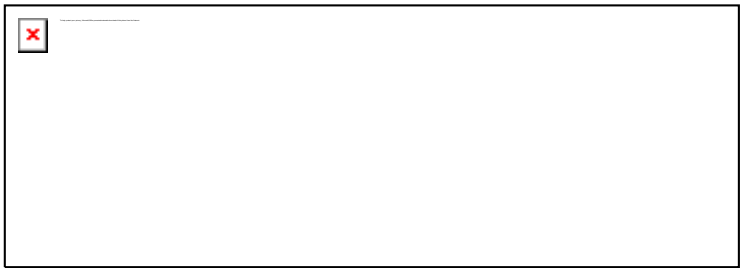




Dear Supporter,

A week ago, the marijuana industry was on the precipice of a major victory.

Big Pot spent massive amounts of money and manhours lobbying Congress to grant the industry banking access, but thanks to your help the House Appropriations Committee voted down the Joyce amendment. This amendment would have put pedal to the metal on Wall Street investment into the sales and marketing of pot candies, cookies, and ice creams.

Public health took on Big Pot, and public health won.

The fact is, granting banking access to the marijuana industry would enable money laundering for international drug cartels that are already using the cover of legalization to grow their illegal operations. In Canada, anonymous offshore firms, possibly with connections to organized crime, have already invested heavily into the marijuana industry.

If hedge funds can easily invest in marijuana companies, the industry will metastasize into Big Tobacco within a matter of months. There will be no restrictions to the length of their reach once their billions turn to hundreds of billions and their shops line every street corner of your hometown. This is why we must continue our fight and build on these victories.

Because of the tireless work of SAM Action supporters like you, public health notched a victory in the House, but the fight is not yet settled on this issue.

Tomorrow, the Senate Appropriations committee will meet and debate the Merkley amendment, which is almost identical to the Joyce amendment. They are considering banking access, yet again.

It is urgent that you take action NOW.

Our Government Affairs team is working around the clock with our allies and volunteers such as yourself to shut this amendment down.

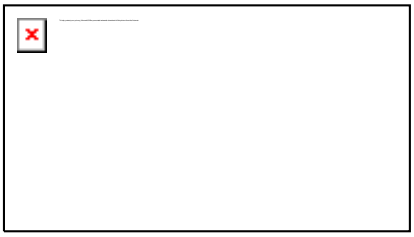
If you can, please click here to chip in with a donation to SAM Action to help us mobilize.

Your donation, no matter the amount, will go far in helping SAM Action implement pushback strategies on the harmful proposals being pushed by pot industry-backed lawmakers.

If you can't chip in with a donation or if you want to help even more, please click here to send a letter to your senator asking them to oppose the Merkley amendment!

We are standing up for public health in this debate and history will smile on our efforts.

Thank you for all that you do.



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P.S. Big Marijuana is spending big to push dangerous amendment through Congress to achieve banking access for marijuana businesses.

Please click here to chip in with a donation to help defeat this proposal, or at the very least, click here to send your senator a letter demanding they oppose the Merkley amendment.

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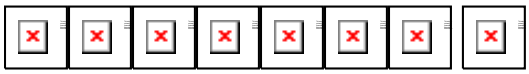

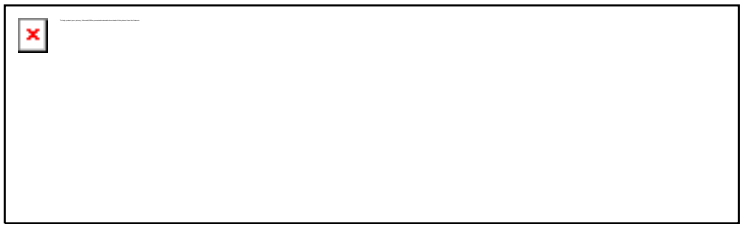

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SAM Applauds FDA Approval of First CBD Medication

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) founder and president, Dr. Kevin Sabet, released the following statement regarding the recent FDA approval of the first cannabidiol medication, Epidiolex:

"Today, the FDA reached a milestone by approving a pure CBD oil medication - Epidiolex - for the treatment of two rare epileptic disorders. This is an important development. Medication should be left up to science, not political ideology, and now desperately ill patients can access this safe and effective medication through doctors and pharmacies.

"Previous research by the FDA found that many of the oils marketed as CBD contained dangerous substances, including high amounts of THC. Medication development should be left up to scientists and the FDA, not a for-profit marijuana industry that bypasses all regulation. Today's decision should be commended."

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottelib made the following important point in his statement this afternoon: "This is an important medical advance. But it's also

important to note that this is not an approval of marijuana or all of its components. This is the approval of one specific CBD medication for a specific use."

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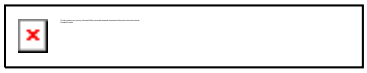

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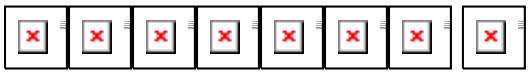

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More Than Half of New Yorkers Oppose Marijuana Legalization, According to New Emerson College Poll

More Than Three Quarters of African-American and Latino Respondents Did Not Support Marijuana Legalization

(New York, NY) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its New York Affiliate, SAM-NY, released the results of a new Emerson College poll finding that the majority of New Yorkers do not support the legalization of marijuana. A plurality support either decriminalization or the current policy.

The poll, conducted by Emerson College -- the same college that recently conducted a poll for pro-marijuana groups Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) and the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) -- found that 56% of respondents favored either keeping the current policy in New York, repealing decriminalization, were unsure, or were in favor or reinstating full criminalization.

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

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.

Finally, the poll found that minority communities overwhelmingly opposed the full legalization of marijuana. Only 22% and 24% of Latinos and African Americans, respectively, supported legalization.

"New Yorkers do not support pot legalization. This poll shows us that elected officials need to slow down," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM Action. "This poll shows similar results to our poll of New York voters in December-- legalization is far from a slam dunk. One of the crucial takeaways from this is that minority communities are firmly opposed to legalization. And they should be -- pot arrests for African American and Latino youth have gone up since legalization in Colorado. Pot Shops are always predominately in lower income neighborhoods."

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SAM-NY, a project of SAM Action, is a nonpartisan alliance of lawmakers, scientists and other concerned citizens of New York dedicated to responsible marijuana policy that does not include the legalization of addictive substances. Learn more and join us at www.sam-ny.org.

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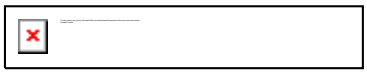

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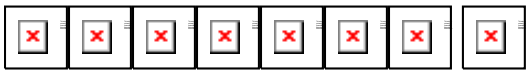
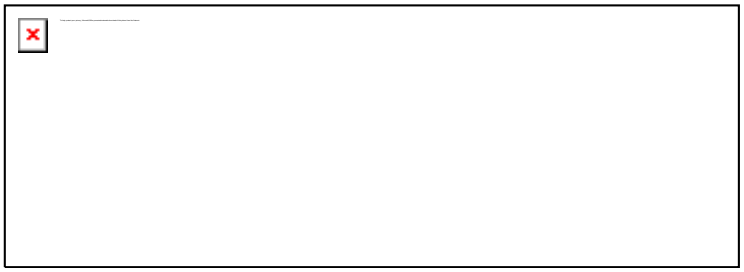




Dear Friend,

As you might have seen, New York Senator Chuck Schumer introduced a bill on Wednesday that would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act... essentially legalizing it at the federal level.

This bill would make it legal to manufacture and sell 99% pure THC extracts, candies, gummies, and other edibles. What's worse, because the U.S. Department of Transportation derives its drug testing regulations from the Controlled Substance Act, the bill would essentially end the ability to perform random drug tests for marijuana for DOT licensees, including pilots and truck drivers.

Another shocking takeaway from this bill: it removes the ability of the National Forest system to police highly dangerous illegal grows, which have been devastating to the ecology of National Forests with pesticides and illegal water diversion and are also connected to foreign cartels.

By all accounts, Senator Schumer and his staff were so excited to start getting checks from the marijuana industry, they slapped together a half-baked proposal without giving a single thought to the potential damages.

It is one thing when junior level senators and representatives introduce bills, but it is an entirely different scenario when the Senate Minority Leader introduces a bill that is such a blatant giveaway to Big Marijuana.

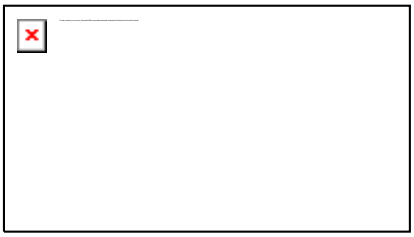
Friend, this is what we are up against.

The pot industry is showering lawmakers with money and gaining influence, but this fight is far from over. As evidenced by the many victories our supporters have been able to accomplish at both the state and federal level this year, we know we can stop this train.

If you can, please click here to chip in with a donation to SAM Action to help us mobilize.

If we are going to win the struggle for public health, it is going to take small sacrifices from advocates who believe in the cause, and I am thankful to be in the trenches everyday with all of you.

Thank you for all that you do.



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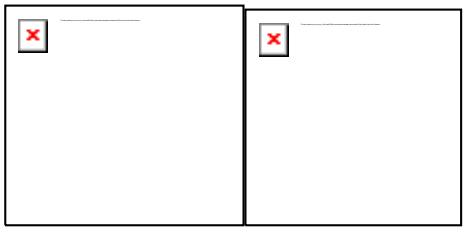
News Roundup

June 2018

There have been some phenomenal public health victories this month! Together, we are making a difference!

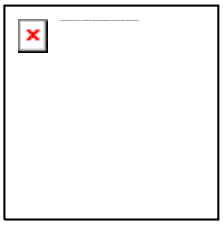
US House and Senate Committees Vote Down Marijuana Banking Amendment in a Victory for Public Health



In a tremendous loss for the marijuana industry, the House Appropriations Committee voted down the Joyce amendment and the Senate struck down the Merkley amendment.. These amendments would have granted marijuana businesses that develop and market high potency THC candies, gummies, cookies and other kid-friendly products access to the federal banking system.

"The industry paid a lot of money in an attempt to open the floodgates for

Several States Reject Legalization in 2018



In five states so far this year, measures to legalize and commercialize recreational marijuana has been defeated.

Illinois, Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware and Connecticut all saw dangerous proposals to commercialize marijuana defeated in their respective legislatures. In New Jersey, pro-pot Governor Phil Murphy promised to legalize and commercialize marijuana within his first hundred days in office. Now, over 150 days in, he has failed and marijuana advocates are feeling the heat.

investment, and the amendment was still defeated.. Today, public health took on Big Pot-and public health won."

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet.

SAM Education Summit - August 22, 2018 - Anaheim, California

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!

Featured Speakers

- **Candace Lightner**

  : Founder & CEO of WeSaveLives

- **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

- **Kevin Sabet, PhD**

  : Founder and President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

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

You must register for the National Conference on Alcohol & Addiction Disorders to attend the SAM Summit this year.

We have a very limited amount of discounted tickets!

Click **here NOW for discounted registration**!

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Chuck Schumer Introduces "Half-Baked" Marijuana Legalization Bill

SAM Applauds FDA Approval of First CBD Medication for Epilepsy Patients

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer recently introduced a bill that would essentially legalize marijuana at the federal level, amounting to a huge giveaway to the marijuana industry.

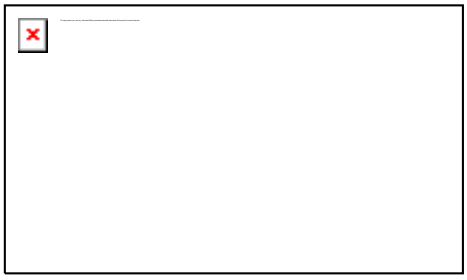
"Senator Schumer's bill is half baked. In an attempt to merely provide a large giveaway to the pot industry, it also makes huge mistakes that will be catastrophic for public health and safety. The elimination of random drug testing for pilots and truck drivers should have given Senator Schumer pause before embarking down this reckless path."

The FDA reached a milestone by approving a pure CBD oil medication - Epidiolex - for the treatment of two rare epileptic disorders. This is an important development.

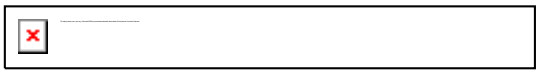
Medication should be left up to science, not political ideology, and now desperately ill patients can access this safe and effective medication through doctors and pharmacies.

Previous research by the FDA found that many of the oils marketed as CBD contained dangerous substances, including high amounts of THC. Medication development should be left up to scientists and the FDA, not a for-profit marijuana industry that bypasses all regulation.

New Study: One in Four 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana If Legalized



SAM Board Chair Jon Talcott & Dr. Kevin Sabet: Let's not pour gasoline on the marijuana legalization dumpster fire



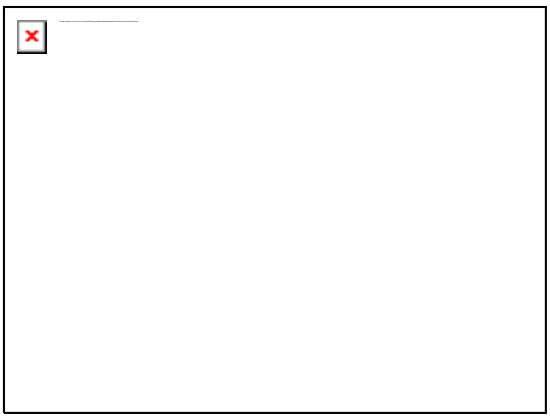
More 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. Specifically, one in four 12th graders thought that they would try marijuana, or that their use would increase, if marijuana were legalized.

"These findings fly in the face of the Big Marijuana argument that somehow fewer young people will use marijuana if it is legalized," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "These data are clear. As more states move to commercialize, legalize, and normalize marijuana - more young people are going to use today's super-strength drug.

At a time when the black market is flourishing in states with legalized marijuana, the proposed banking amendment would enable the rapid expansion of businesses that grow, market, and distribute high-potency pot products in kid-friendly forms, like candies, gummies, and sodas.

One of the side effects of the amendment would be to enable money laundering for international drug cartels who are already using the cover of legalization to grow their illegal businesses. Canada's experience can also shed light on this reckless policy. Anonymous offshore firms, possibly with links to organized crime, have already invested heavily into Canada's marijuana industry.

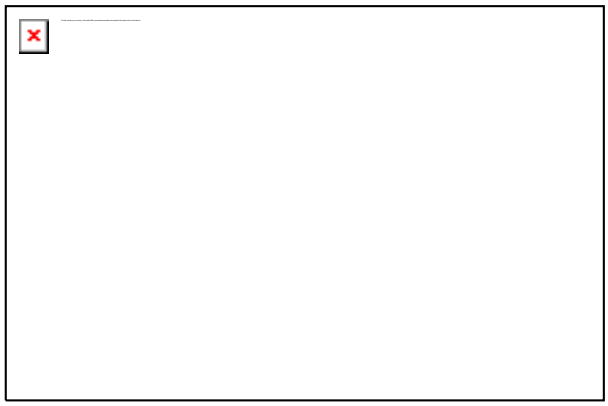
Colorado Senator Cory Gardner Introduces Bill to Shield Marijuana Industry from Federal Law



After teasing that he had received a promise from the president to protect the marijuana industry in Colorado, Senator Cory Gardner introduced a bill that would shield the marijuana industry in states that have liberalized their marijuana laws from federal enforcement.

"While Senator Gardner is calling this a 'states' rights' approach, this bill essentially amounts to the federal legalization of marijuana. The bill would shield the pot industry in states that have liberalized their drug policies and prevent the enforcement of federal law," said Dr. Kevin Sabet. "Additionally, the bill would grant marijuana businesses access to the federal banking system, allowing Wall Street investment on an unprecedented scale."

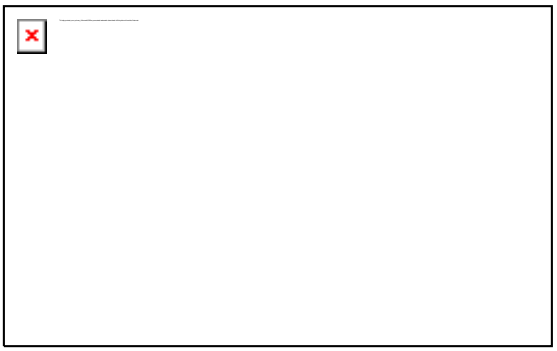
SAM Praises Results from California and Massachusetts Votes on Marijuana Businesses



The marijuana industry was handed two defeats in California and one in Massachusetts this month as three cities voted overwhelmingly to prevent marijuana businesses from selling their addicting wares on their street corners.

"Essentially, folks in California and Massachusetts are saying they do not want pot in their neighborhoods," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM. "These results show that people do not want THC candies, cookies, and gummies in their community. They're sick of Big Tobacco and they do not want Big Marijuana."

From the WSJ: This is No Time to Go to Pot



SAM founders former Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Dr. Kevin Sabet penned a recent oped for the Wall Street Journal discussing the harms of marijuana legalization and the recent bill introduced by Senators Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren.

"At a time when legalizing recreational marijuana remains a contentious issue of debate, federal lawmakers should not be accelerating the proliferation of an industry that routinely targets children and minority communities."

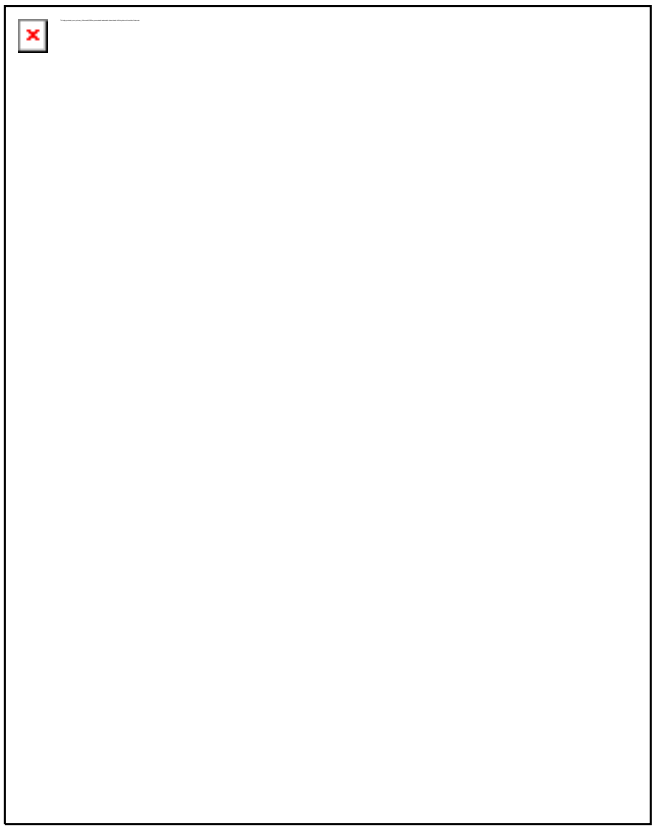
SAM Statement on Marijuana Legalization in Canada

"Despite warnings and opposition from major medical groups, and international treaties outlawing the legal sales of marijuana, Canada has, on a mainly party-line vote, sided with the mariijuana industry and legalized the drug for those 18 and older. As expected, investors are in a frenzy to make money, and they are seizing on the fact that several pro-health amendments to the law were defeated.

"We at SAM - in both countries - will keep lawmakers and the industry accountable. We cannot allow the massive Big Marijuana industry to railroad public health. We will be working with government and private industry to reduce the consequences of this ill-conceived piece of legislation."

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.



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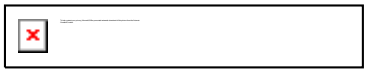

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New Data From Washington State Show Marijuana Legalization Leads to Massive Increase In Youth Exposure to Substance

(Alexandria, VA) - 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.

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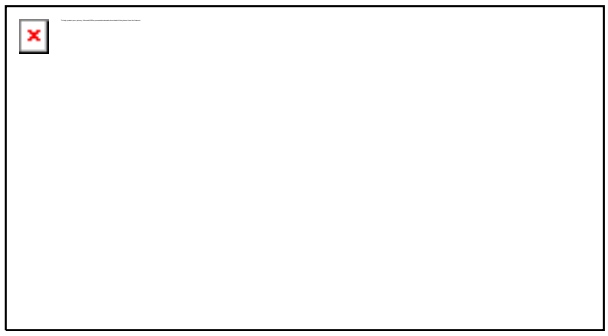
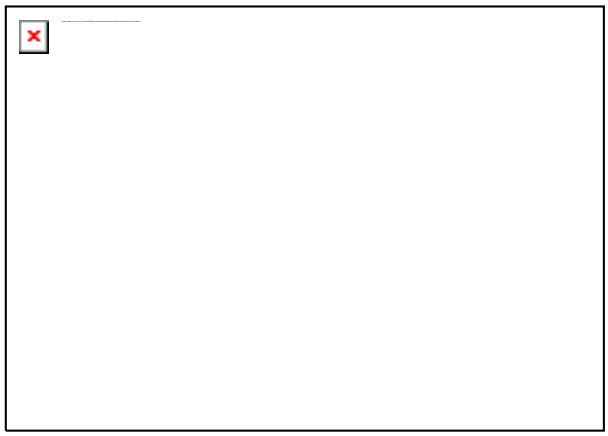


Almost a third of the reported instances of marijuana exposure in the last year occur within the age group of children up to 5 years old. **The rate of exposure among this age group has seen an explosive increase of almost 58% compared to the previous year**.

Of the reported 378 instances of marijuana exposure in 2017, nearly half occurred as a result of eating marijuana edibles. Following legalization and commercialization, the marijuana industry has flooded the market with high-potency THC infused cookies, gummies, sodas, and other edibles that are highly appealing children.



Of note: the reporting of exposures to the Poison Center is completely voluntary and is most likely an underrepresentation to the true amounts of marijuana exposure occurring in the state of Washington.

"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

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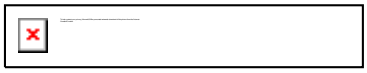

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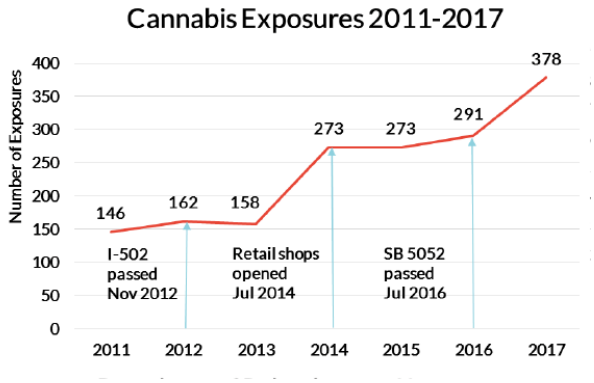

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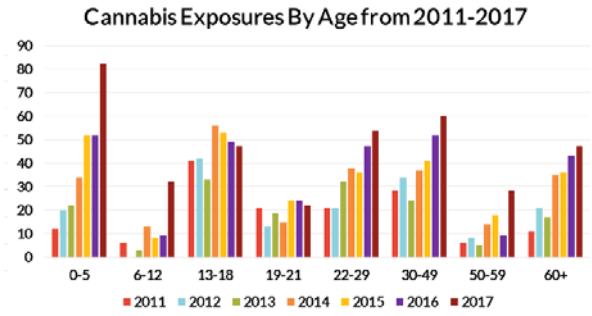

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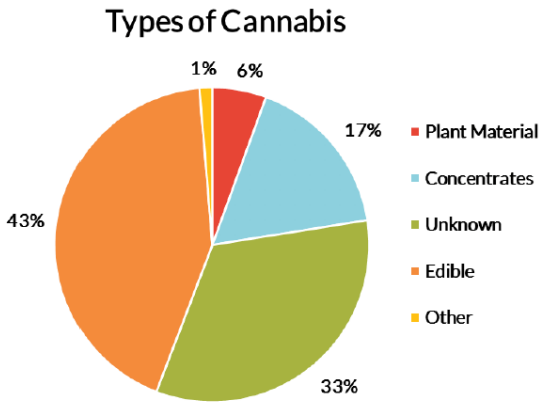

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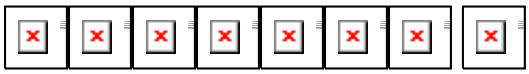

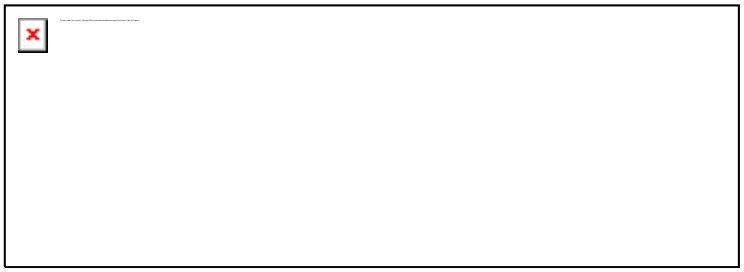

Dear Friend,

By now I am sure that you have heard about the recent developments out of Oklahoma: medical marijuana was legalized in the state as a result of millions of marijuana industry dollars being dumped into a ballot measure.

This wasn't the outcome we had hoped for, but we have worked hard and won some victories to keep this law as narrow as possible.

The state Board of Health voted this week to ban the sale of smokable marijuana and require that dispensaries have a pharmacist on staff. These regulations resulted from a coordinated pushback from businesses, law enforcement, doctors, and hospitals.

Unsurprisingly, these regulations are not popular with Big Marijuana.

Oklahoma staff members who worked on drafting these regulations have reported receiving threats from marijuana supporters this week.

But that isn't even the most interesting part of this story.

Before the ink is even dry on the new medical marijuana law, the same groups that collected signatures to put medical marijuana on the ballot are now collecting signatures to put full legalization on the ballot in November... and they are apparently already over halfway to the amount needed.

As you know, SAM supports medications based on marijuana that go through the FDA approval process. In fact, we hailed a decision last month to approve a CBD medicine for desperately ill kids.

But medical marijuana initiatives such as Oklahoma's are nothing more than a trojan horse for full legalization. It's about money. Profits. And Big Pot.

This is why you and I must do everything in our power to push back on the marijuana industry and expose their true purpose: becoming the next Big Tobacco.

SAM is working around the clock, in multiple states fighting to expose both the harms of marijuana and the addiction-for-profit industry that is spending millions on lobbyists and smooth-tongued political operatives.

Can we count on you to support our efforts with even a small donation of $10?

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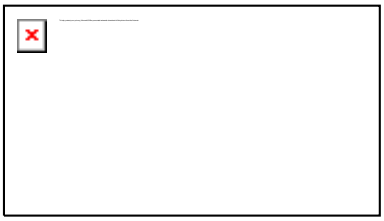

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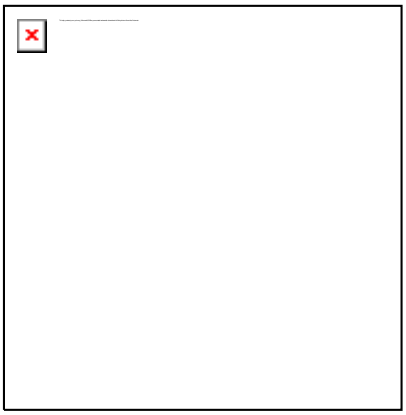

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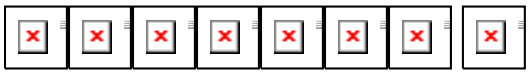

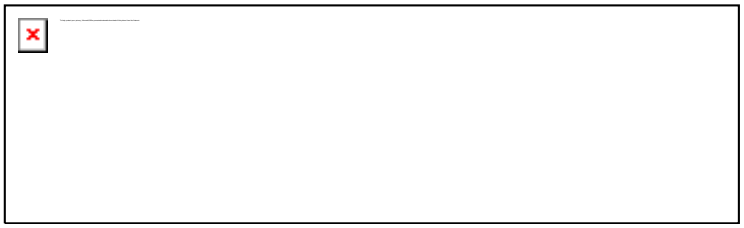

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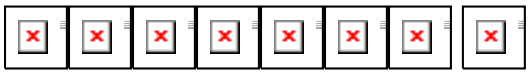

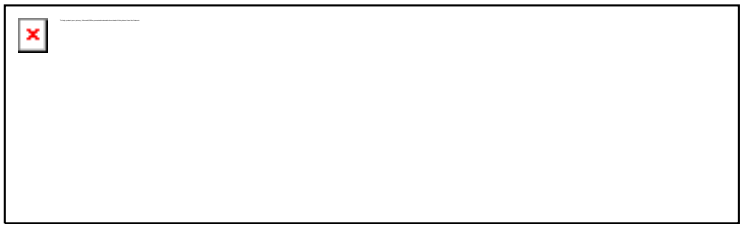

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(Alexandria, VA) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana president and founder Dr. Kevin Sabet released the following statement on the news that Canadian marijuana producing company Tilray will start trading on the Nasdaq:

"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.

"These companies are no different than Big Tobacco, except that they are illegal. They continue to inflate their value and have no way of ensuring their products are safe. The liability for investors and sellers alike is enormous.

"We will continue to name and shame these companies as they profit off of addiction. We will also continue our meetings with the Department of Justice on these matters."

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.

Tilray is owned by U.S. based company Privateer Holdings which is one of the founders of the New Federalism Fund. The New Federalism Fund has contracted with Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck to lobby Congress on changing federal law to be more advantageous to the marijuana industry.

SAM has requested a meeting with Nasdaq and the Securities and Exchange Commission to discuss the harms to public health of promoting the interests of Big Marijuana.

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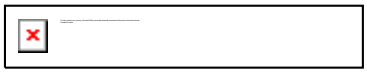

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Subject: Is Marijuana an Effective Substitute for Opioids?

Dear friends,

We wanted to make sure you had seen four key studies from the past week:

- A groundbreaking study in *The Lancet* found that marijuana use over four years actually **made it harder for patients to cope with chronic pain**, and **did not reduce their use of opioids**.
- A study in *Frontiers in Psychiatry* found that increasing self-exposure to non-medical marijuana was a predictor of **greater odds of opioid dependence** diagnosis.
- A study in the *International Review of Psychiatry* found an **increased rate of serious mental illness** in states that had legalized medical marijuana.
- In JAMA: "(The) associated acute and long-term psychoactive effects on brain function (of marijuana) are...known. Expanding use of cannabis among pregnant and lactating women (as likely will occur with legalization) may lead to **increased risk from fetal and child exposures** if the teratogenic potential of cannabis remains underappreciated."

Additional Resources on Link Between Marijuana and Opioids

These articles follow other warnings from medical professionals: the recent editorial published in the Journal of the Society for the Study of Addiction, which cautions against drawing policy conclusions from population studies, and the editorial comment from the American Society of Addiction Medicine on February 20, 2018. And don't forget NIDA's **rigorous study showing pot users are twice as likely to have abused opioids and have an opioid use disorder than non-marijuana users**.

SAM has published a one-pager describing the overwhelming link between marijuana and opioid abuse. While not every marijuana user will go on to use heroin, **nearly all heroin users previously abused marijuana**. We need smart policies that discourage use, get people back on their feet, and restore people to participate in and contribute to society. States that have legalized marijuana, by contrast, see increased drugged driving, increased arrests of minority youth, and increased emergency room visits. Colorado is experiencing the highest number of drug overdoses in its history. Legalization is a failed experiment.

Please visit learnaboutsam.org to learn about a smarter approach.

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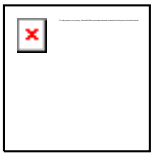

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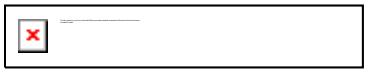

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Subject: Dr. Kevin Sabet in the Boston Globe: The Dangers of Pot

Dear friend,

The piece shared below is a new opinion editorial written by SAM founder and president, Dr. Kevin Sabet, that was published today in the *Boston Globe.*

Please feel free to send this to your network by clicking here and also share on social media by clicking the links above.

Thanks for all you do.

The Dangers of Pot

By Kevin Sabet

July 25, 2018

Pot shops will soon be officially open for business in Massachusetts. While this may be good news for the marijuana industry and its lobbyists, state officials need to proceed with caution - especially when regulating high-potency pot products such as gummies, lollipops, and other treats aimed at children. The fact is that we really don't know what's in these products, nor do we know about their long-term effects. More awareness is desperately needed about the dangers of today's highly potent marijuana. Public health - not the pot industry - should be leading this conversation.

Make no mistake: Pot is no longer about Woodstock - it's about Wall Street. Replicating the playbook of Big Tobacco, the marijuana industry routinely manufactures and markets kid-friendly products with the intent of creating life-long customers. Some of these new edibles and vaping extracts are 99 percent THC, the ingredient in marijuana that gets you high. Compare this to the 5 percent potency of the average joint in the 1970s.

While more research and data are needed to understand what these newly engineered products do to your brain, the negative impact of marijuana commercialization is already being felt in other legalized states. In the years since these states moved to liberalize their pot laws, drugged driving deaths have increased, emergency room visits have risen, and more young people are using marijuana. Last month, the National Institutes of Health released a study finding that 1 in 4 12th-graders reported that they would try marijuana for the first time, or use it more often, if marijuana were legalized.

That's why it is so critical to launch an aggressive public health education campaign in our schools and communities. Studies have shown that children who use any drug are more likely to develop an addiction or substance-use disorder. According to the Center on Addiction, 90 percent of all addictions start during adolescence, and 17 percent of adolescents and teens who begin using marijuana develop a marijuana-use disorder. Our brains are rapidly developing - and are highly susceptible to addiction - until at least our mid-20s. Industries that depend on addicted users have always targeted the young and vulnerable.

What the marijuana industry will not tell you is that regular, heavy marijuana use during adolescence is associated with an 8-point drop in IQ - a loss that is not reversed when marijuana use stops. We also know from several studies that heavy marijuana use among adolescents is associated with lower grades and exam scores, and a lower satisfaction with life. People who use marijuana are less likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college and more likely to earn less income.

Pot potency should be capped. The marijuana industry's influence on rule-making should be halted. And protections for vulnerable populations should be established and strictly enforced. In Colorado, an undercover study recently found that 69 percent of randomly selected marijuana stores recommended THC products to treat pregnancy-related nausea in the first trimester. Fewer than 1 in 3 of these stores recommended consulting a doctor.

Our choice was never between locking up users or commercializing an addictive substance. But now that we have forsaken a sensible policy of decriminalization for a commercial regime that thrives on addiction, the stakes are too high to let the marijuana industry define the terms of regulation. Public officials have a responsibility to curb industry influence, enforce rigorous THC standards, protect

vulnerable populations, and launch comprehensive public health campaigns. Our children, communities, and families deserve nothing less.

Kevin Sabet is a former three-time White House drug policy official and president of SAM, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

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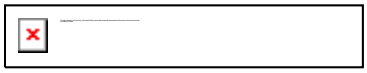

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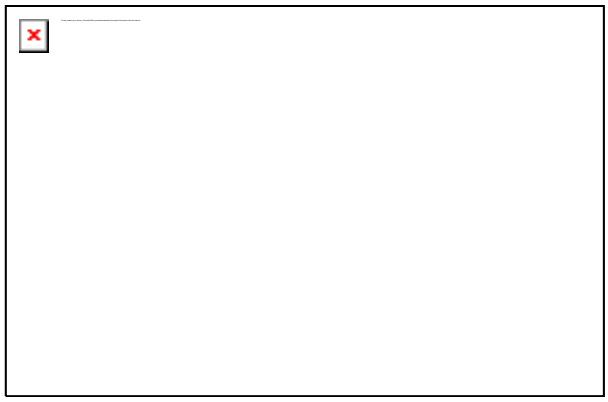
SAM Action Opens Office in Manhattan

(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. To keep up with actions in other states, head over to www.samaction.net, and to learn more about action at the federal level,

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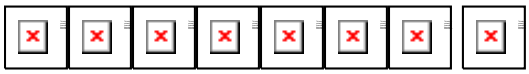

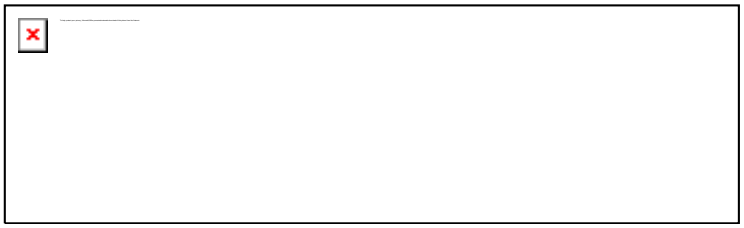

SAM EDUCATION SUMMIT - AUGUST 22, 2018
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- **Roneet Lev, MD FACEP**: Chief, Emergency Department, Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego
- **Dana Stevens**: Grassroots Coordinator, SAM & HighMeansDUI
- **Bari K. Platter, MS, RN, PMHCN-BC:** Clinical Nurse 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
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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!

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For the full agenda, click here!

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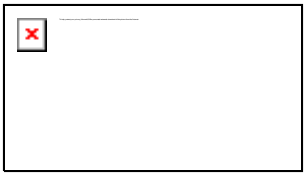

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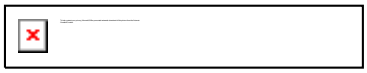

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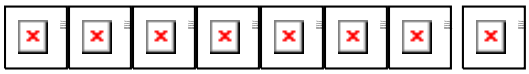

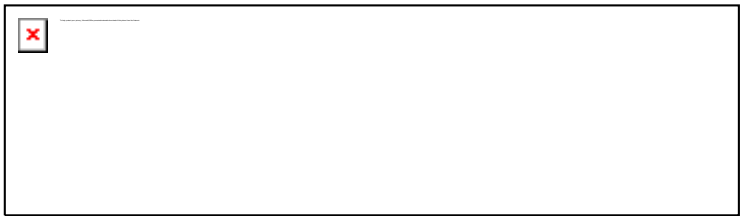

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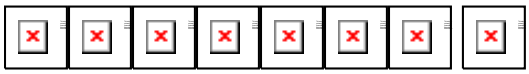

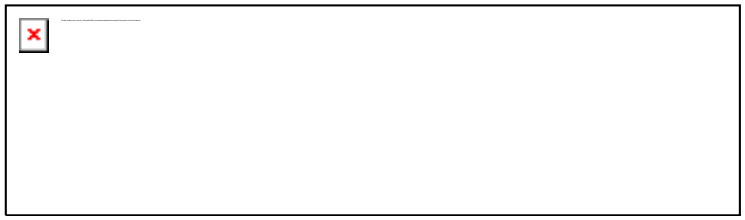

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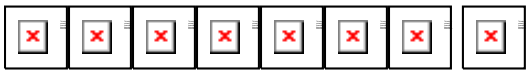

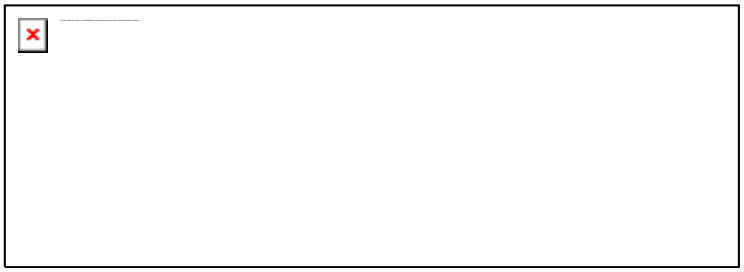

Dear friend,

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
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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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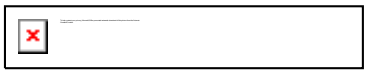

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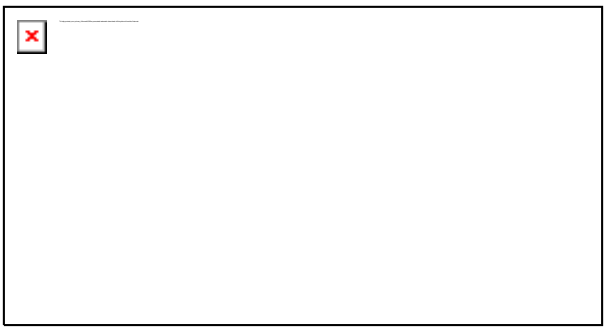
New Speaker Added: Ben Cort



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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:

- **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
- **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
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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!

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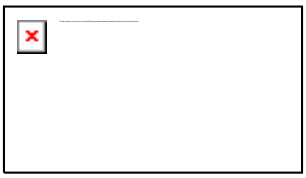
The whole SAM team and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,



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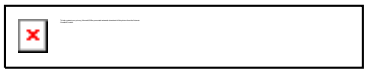

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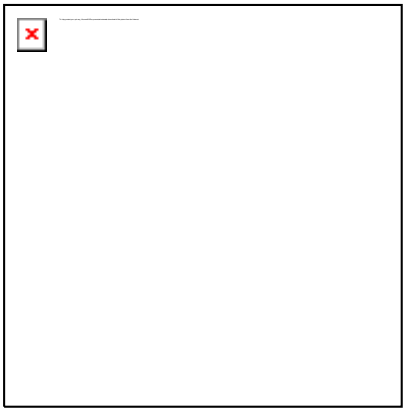
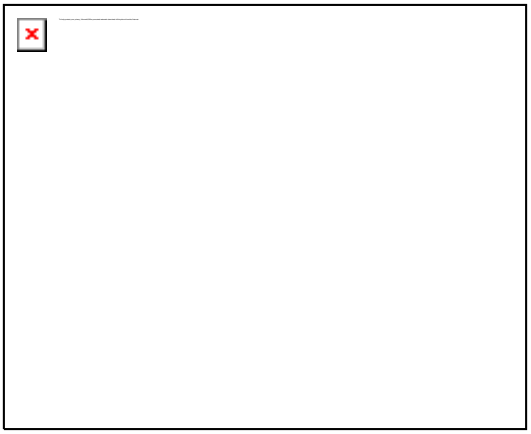
Healthy and Productive Michigan Hires Talented Field Director, Abu Edwards



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.

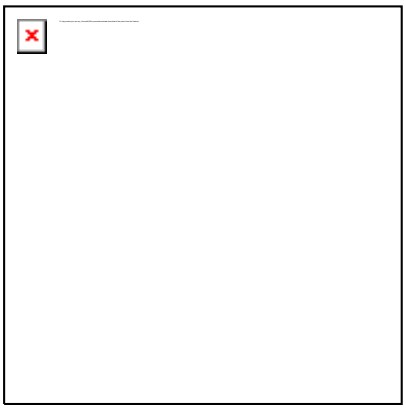
SAM Action Outreach Associate Will Jones Discusses Marijuana's Harms on Communities of Color



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 and find us on Facebook at Healthy and Productive Michigan.

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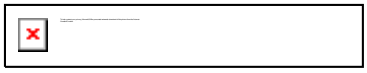

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News Roundup

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 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.

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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.

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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

House Rules Committee Shuts Down Two Marijuana Industry-Backed Amendments

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."

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.

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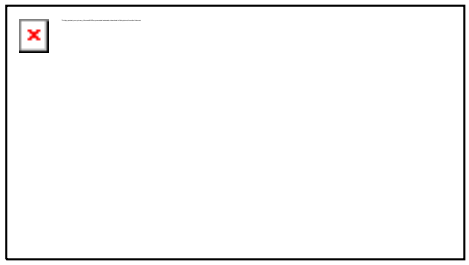
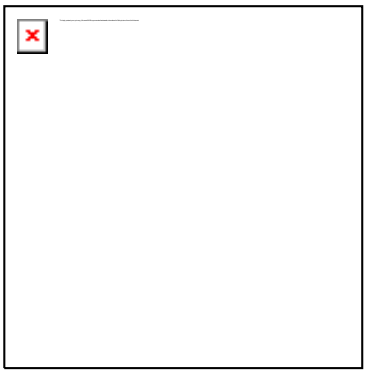


SAM Founder Dr. Kevin Sabet Sits Down With Cheddar



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."

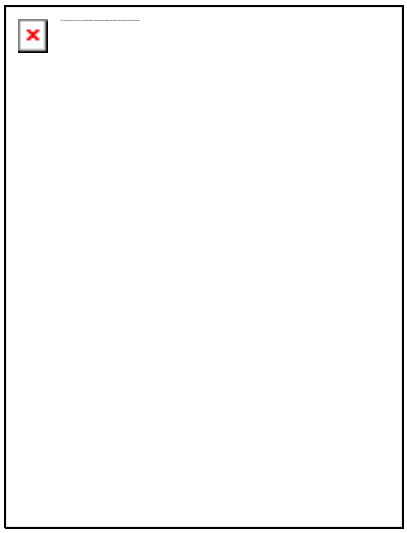
SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet recently sat down with Alex Heath of Cheddar at the Sun Valley Conference in Idaho, a gathering of the world's top leaders in business and innovation.

"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.



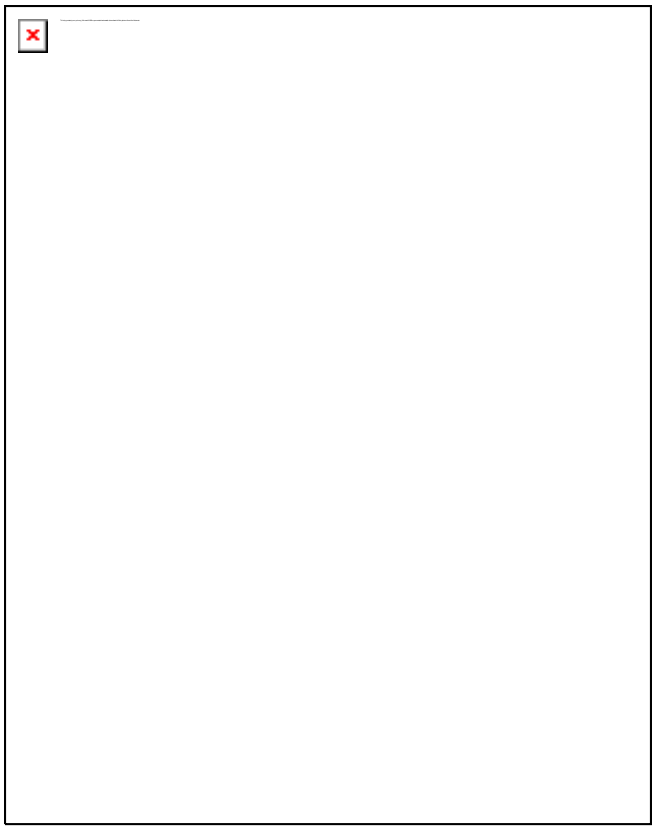
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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



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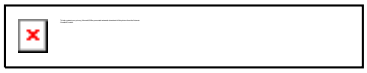

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New Report: Two-Thirds of DUIs in Colorado Test Positive for Marijuana

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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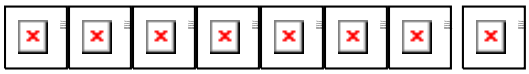

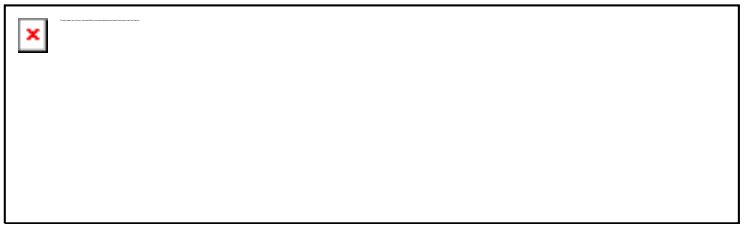

Dear friend,

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
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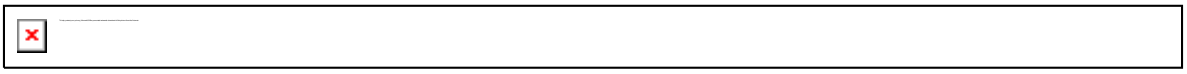

The proliferation of retail boutiques in California did not really bother him, Evan told me, but the billboards did. Advertisements for delivery, advertisements promoting the substance for relaxation, for fun, for health. "Shop. It's legal." "Hello marijuana, goodbye hangover." "It's not a trigger,"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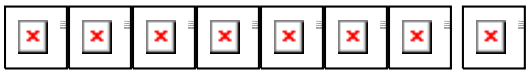

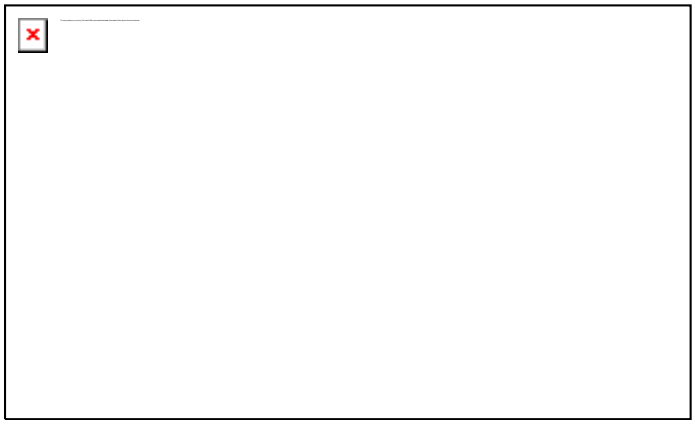

Calling all concerned New Jerseyans - now is the time to fight back against marijuana legalization. We have an important opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children and families!

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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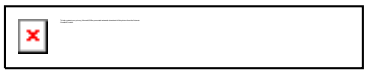

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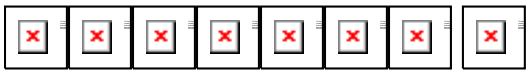
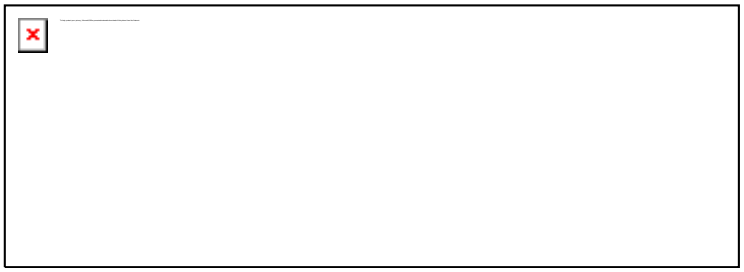




Dear friend,

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.

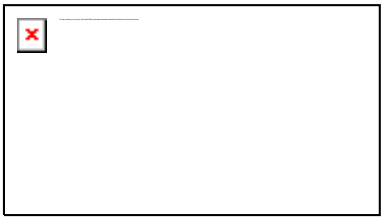
We can't all leave our jobs to dedicate our lives to advocacy like I did and like others are so graciously doing, but we can pick up the phone and call our elected officials and let them know we will not stand quietly on the sidelines while they sell our country out to Big Marijuana.

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,



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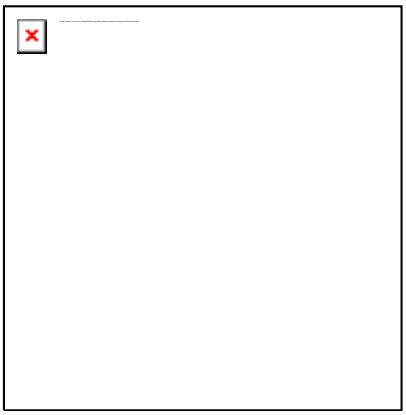

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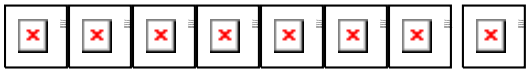

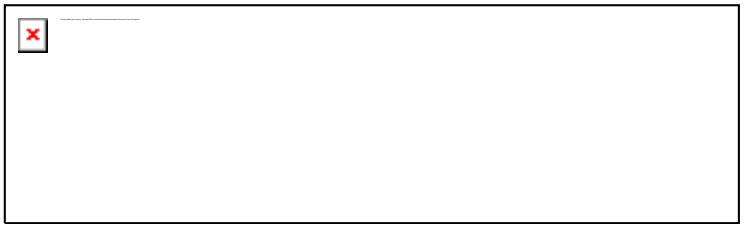

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American Academy of Pediatrics Urges Pregnant and Nursing Mothers to Avoid Marijuana Use

(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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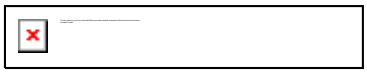

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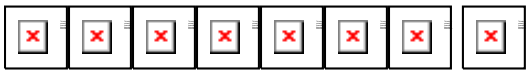

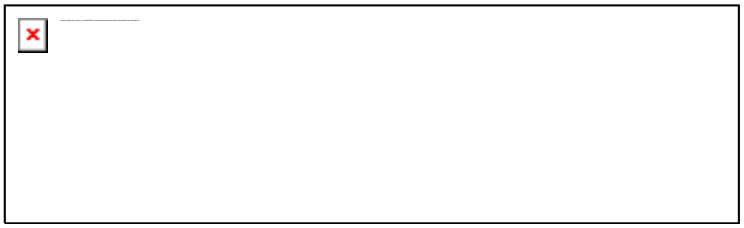

Dear friend,

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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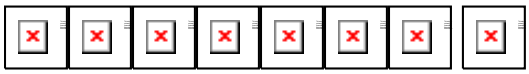
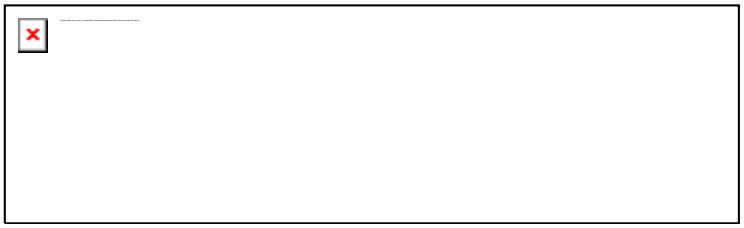
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: September: Celebrate National Recovery Month with the SAM Toolkit!





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

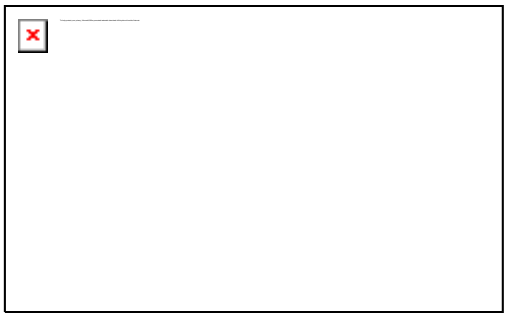
September is National Recovery Month. We at SAM celebrate this month with the whole country. It is a time to remind everyone that marijuana use disorder is real, and recovery happens.

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

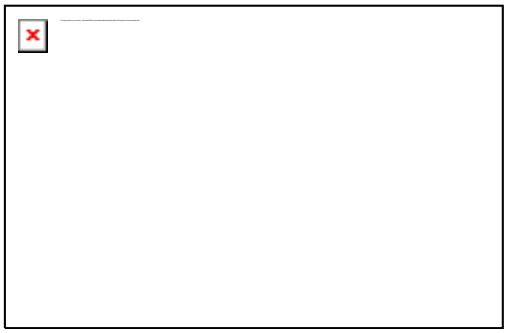
Some key facts to share on social media:

- 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:



On the Road to Recovery: Ben Cort



#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/2oIgAHn

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 sodascolorfully 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.

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Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: Here's a quick rundown of what SAM was up to in August

News Roundup

August 2018

We hope you had an amazing Labor Day weekend!
Thank you all for the great work you are doing to defend public health and safety. Here is a brief rundown of what we have been up to over the last month.

New Report: Colorado Tests Thousands of Drivers for Pot, Two-Thirds are Positive

Phillip Morris Execs Admit They Are "Looking Into" Expanding Into the Marijuana Industry

In one of the most concerning developments to date, a published report by the state of Colorado found that in 2016, **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. And **53 percent admit they smoked marijuana within two hours of getting behind the wheel**.

"I have read thousands of research reports over the last 25 years - and this one is one of the most alarming.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."

During an interview with Barclays Investments on September 5, 2018, tobacco industry executives from Altria (the parent company of tobacco giant Philip Morris) indicated their interest in taking advantage of marijuana as a new product line:

Q: "Were it (marijuana) legalized, is there any reason to believe that you would have a competitive advantage in the cannabis business, say, relative to a booze company?"

Murray Garnick (Altria):
"Well, it's a hypothetical and actually we're exploring our options. There's nothing more... I can't really go beyond that. We're exploring our options. We're studying and evaluating market opportunities. And obviously, that question is one of the questions we're looking at."

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In order to help you join in the discussion of the importance of recovery from drug addiction, SAM has put together a toolkit full of helpful links to studies highlighting marijuana addiction, inspirational stories and blog posts discussing recovery from addiction, examples of letters to the editors and opinion pieces, one-pages on drugged driving and the link between marijuana use and opioids, and even sample tweets and facebook posts.

For some inspiration, click here to view "On the Road to Recovery" by Ben Cort or here to view #MyTruth by Justin Luke Riley.

Click here to check out the comprehensive toolkit packed with material to keep you informed and active in the discussion all month long. Please use this information to promote the message that marijuana use is on the rise, and recovery is possible with the right tools.

SAM Founder Sits Down With CBC in Canada

"When most people talk about Canada's impending legalization of marijuana, they talk about the future. When Kevin Sabet talks about it, he worries about history repeating.

"There are huge misconceptions, I often feel like we're living in 1918, not 2018," he said."When I say 1918, I mean 1918 for tobacco when everyone thought that smoking cigarettes was no problem and we had a new industry that was just starting."

"We hadn't had tobacco related deaths before the 20th century because we hadn't had a lot of cigarettes, which actually gave us the most deadly form of tobacco we've ever seen. I feel like we're like that with marijuana."

To read the full story and watch the interview, please click here.

The Marijuana Trail: Oregon-Grown Pot Shipped to More than Half the Nation

Op-ed in Washington Examiner: Beware of Increasingly Common Drugged Driving on Labor Day

A new report on marijuana production, distribution and consumption in Oregon is **finding major problems since the legalization of the drug**. The Idaho/Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) report finds there is so much pot in circulation, it's being shipped to more than half the states in the nation. The study also discovered many illicit growth sites are in impoverished counties that could one day see their economy collapse due to falling pot prices.

"The **effects of commercialization on Oregon are painfully clear: more use, more advertising, and more Big Tobacco playbook tactics**. There is no potency limit on pot in Oregon, and Big Marijuana is already producing multiple times the demand for pot, which is fueling a massive black market. It's time we held the industry accountable for its actions."

SAM president and founder, Dr. Kevin Sabet recently penned an oped in the *Washington Examiner* warning Americans to be alert and aware to the dangers of drugged driving over the Labor Day weekend.

Large increases in DUI cases often coincide with holiday weekends, and **drugged driving is becoming more and more common** -- particularly in states that have legalized marijuana.

"In Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana, **the number of drivers under the influence of pot involved in fatal crashes increased 88 percent since legalization**. Also, collision claims in Colorado are 14 percent higher than in nearby states that have not legalized pot.."

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

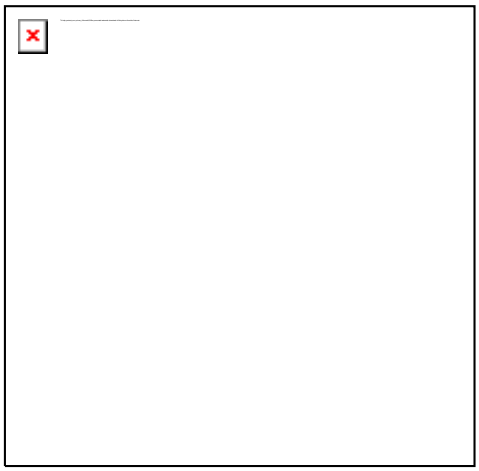
In response to growing evidence that more pregnant and breastfeeding women are using marijuana and concerns about the potential risks to developing fetuses and infants, the American Academy of Pediatrics (A.A.P.) released a **recommendation recently that women avoid the drug altogether when they are 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 Controller Betty Yee and her husband were unfortunate victims of California's lax attitude toward pot.

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.

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**...

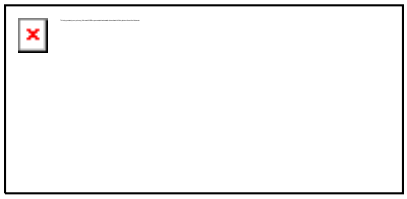
At an event in Chicago, SAM's Outreach Associate Will Jones debated Illinois State Senator Heather Steans on the merits of marijuana legalization. Senator Steans is the author of the bill to legalize the drug in the state.

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

"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.

"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.

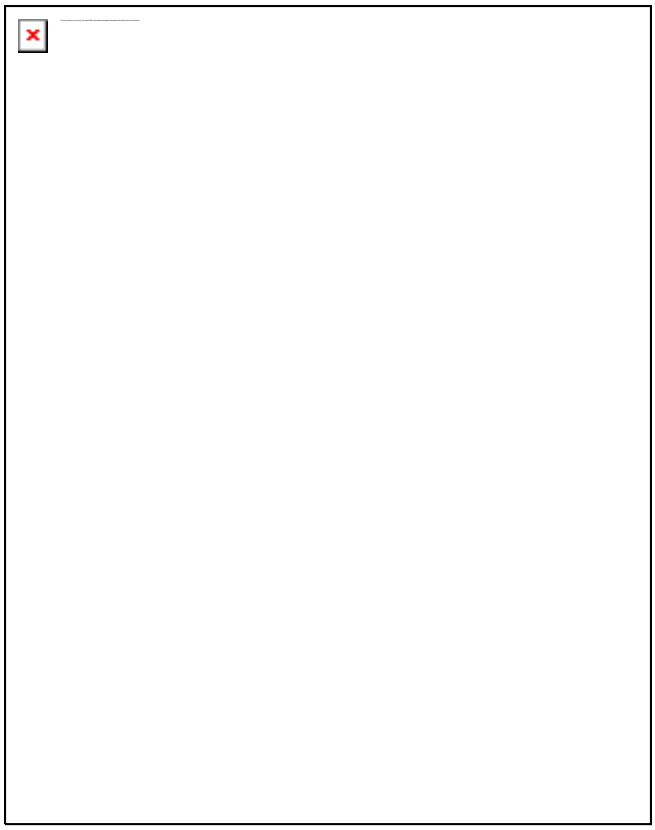
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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

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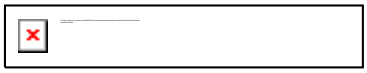

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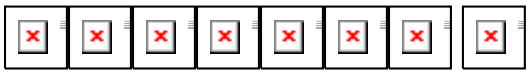

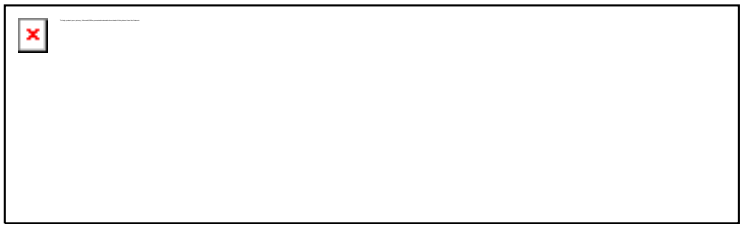

New HHS Survey:
Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing;
Youth in Late Teens Using More Marijuana Now Than Any Time in Recent History

For Immediate Release:
September 14, 2018

Contact:
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(Alexandria, Va) - There are now twice as many daily or near daily marijuana users in the US than just a decade ago, according to the most comprehensive survey on drug use released today by the federal government. There are also now 8,300 new marijuana users each day, and 22% of 18 to 25 year olds are currently using the drug--the highest number for all three stats in recent memory.

"The marijuana industry is getting their wish," said Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and a former White House drug policy adviser. "More people are using highly potent pot edibles and other items much

more often, and the perception of harm for these products is plummeting. It is time we woke up as a country and put science above ideology."

The *National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)* also found that 42% of marijuana users use the drug daily or almost daily, and that marijuana was used by more than 8 in 10 substance users. Marijuana use rose significantly among age groups 12 and up, 18 and up, and 26 and up. Use among 12 to 17 year olds was stable versus last year, though in legalized states NSDUH data show marijuana use higher on average in legalized states.

"Big Marijuana - just like Big Tobacco years ago - continues to glorify marijuana as a cure-all that can do little or no harm," said Sabet. "If it wasn't for marijuana, overall drug use in this country would be going down. Rising mental health issues, drugged driving crashes, and an increasingly stoned workforce won't help us get ahead. We should put the brakes on marijuana legalization and start a national science-based marijuana awareness campaign similar to successful anti-tobacco campaigns."

NSDUH state-level data, which shows the gulf between use in states with legalized pot versus those with no legalization laws, is expected later this year and not included in this report. The last state estimate report showed Colorado is the #1 state in the country for first time marijuana use among teens.

According to a recent report by SAM, legalized states have seen negative public health and safety consequences, including increased marijuana use and car crashes related to marijuana.

"We shouldn't incarcerate people for marijuana use, but legalization is promoting a commercial industry driving heavy pot use among young people. We need a smarter approach that focuses on prevention, awareness, and recovery," added Sabet.

Research has found that marijuana affects the developing brain negatively, and that most people's brains develop well into their 20s.

SAM will be updating info about NSDUH as we receive the full report.

For more information, please visit www.learnaboutsam.org

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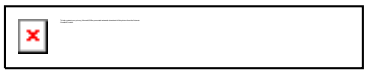

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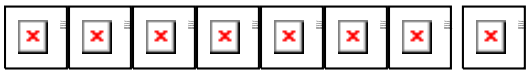
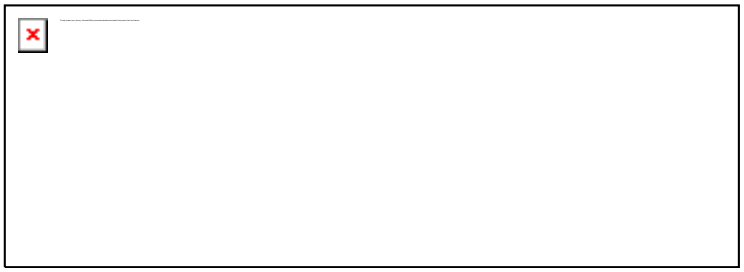




Dear friend,

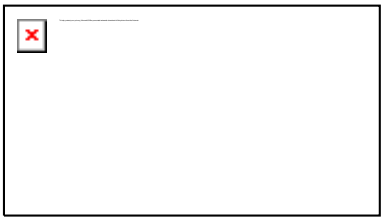
Thank you so much for your continued support of our cause. Monday we showed the state of New Jersey how we really feel about recreational marijuana!

After a lively discussion in Trenton with many supporters we marched to the courthouse and were able speak with lawmakers and others on why commercialization would be a black mark on the history of New Jersey. We are here because of you and we continue to fight the good fight with much success.

Please take a moment and take a look at our presentation on the hazards of legalization and what it would mean to bring Big Marijuana to your proud state.

The link will be available for the next 10 days.

Thank you again for everything you do,



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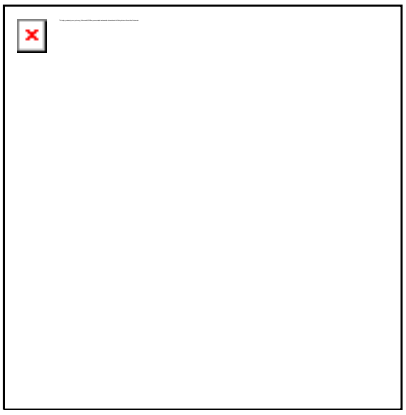

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COLORADO US ATTORNEY BOB TROYER HEADLINES SAM SUMMIT

APRIL 25, 2019, ATLANTA, GA

Don't miss the 6th Annual SAM Summit, once again taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

SAM is proud to announce that U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer, District Of Colorado, has just been added as the featured keynote.

This will be a must-see presentation as US Attorney Troyer will discuss his first-hand experience dealing with the negative effects of marijuana legalization in the state of Colorado. Be sure to read his September

2018 op-ed "It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization."

We will also feature TED-talk like presentations on various topics, and a Shark Tank to fund YOUR ideas. More on this very soon!

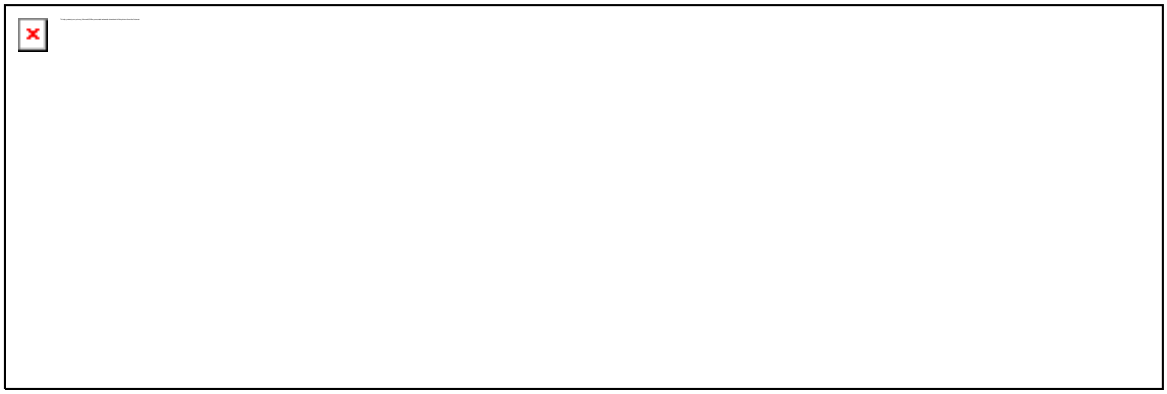
Registration Rates:

- Attend SAM Summit Only: $349
- Add to Rx Summit Registrations: $299

Topics to be covered include: Lessons Learned from Legalized States, States to Watch in 2019 and Beyond, Legalization and Social Justice, and more.

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

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



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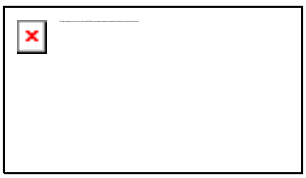

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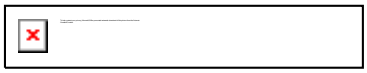

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Jeanne Smith

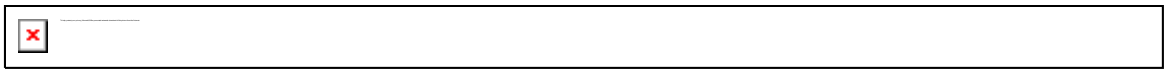
From: Kevin Sabet <reply@learnaboutsam.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Oceanport Mayor
Subject: North Dakota? SAM Action is all in

Dear friend,

Last month, an upstart effort by a college student resulted in the placement of a legalization ballot initiative in North Dakota. SAM Action has been extremely active in Michigan already, and so we began the process of ramping up operations in North Dakota. Measure 3, the North Dakota initiative, creates an addiction-for-profit industry that puts pot profits over people. Today, our Chief of Staff, Luke Niforatos, and our Marijuana Accountability Coalition coordinator, Justin Luke Riley, kicked off our formal campaign - Healthy and Productive North Dakota - and we launched a series of billboards and social media ads in key North Dakota markets.

SAM Chief of Staff Luke Niforatos, joined by local North Dakotans, in Fargo today.

Measure 3 would allow for limitless THC potency and possession amounts - it is an incredibly reckless, greedy initiative. Law enforcement would have a hard time even prosecuting any DUI offenses.



Billboard seen across multiple sites in North Dakota

Thankfully, scores of medical doctors, employers, treatment providers, drug prevention professionals, business owners, employees, law enforcement officers, and parents have come together for form Healthy and Productive North Dakota.

The marijuana industry is going all-in for the states in which it is working to legalize. They are salivating at the opportunity to expand their profit-driven scheme in a new state - and even more anxious to do so in a state with virtually no regulations.

<<<Click here to chip in and help defeat marijuana commercialization>>>

SAM Action is doing everything we can do help educate voters on the dangers of marijuana commercialization, and so far we have had a very successful year so far.

Legislative efforts to commercialize marijuana have been defeated in five states this year, and we have held up New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's pro-pot agenda for over 250 days. That is truly remarkable and proves that legalization is not inevitable..

But as we near the elections, our resources are being spread thin. Can you chip-in with a donation today to help SAM Action continue to defeat marijuana commercialization across the country?

<<<Click here to chip in and help defeat marijuana commercialization>>>

Every dollar you can give is a dollar that will go towards fighting more stoned drivers on our roads, more youth using marijuana, booming black markets, and increasing mental health issues.

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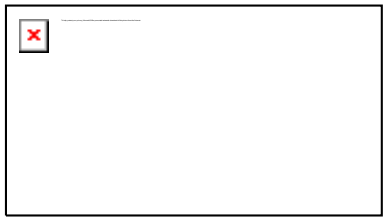

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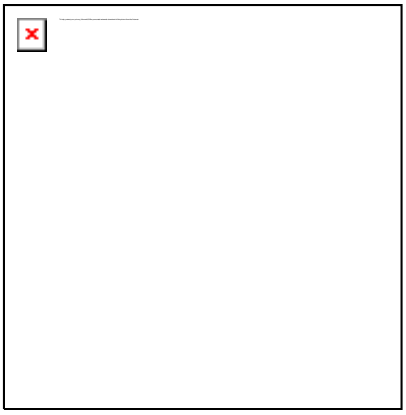

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SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization.

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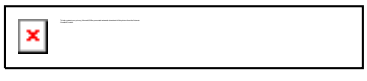

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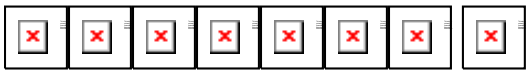

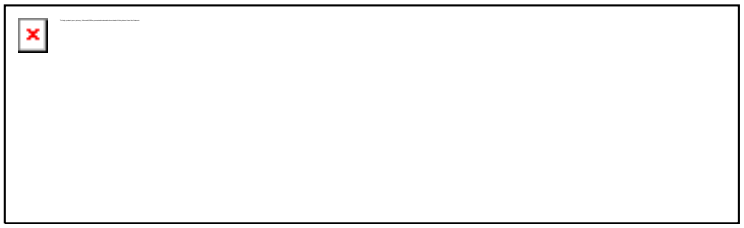

2019 SAM Summit Call for Presentations

Event Date: Thursday April 25, 2019

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Submission Deadline Date: Friday, November 9, 2018

SAM will notify applicants by the end of November regarding whether their submission was accepted or declined.

Please read before submitting a presentation proposal.

We're looking for dynamic presenters for our annual summit. Ever want to give a TED talk on some aspect of marijuana policy? If you said yes, then read on!

The 2019 SAM Summit is the premier gathering for marijuana policy advocates around the country. Once again, the Summit will be taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

Submissions will be reviewed by members of the SAM team and Board of Directors. Please be prepared to submit the following information that would fit into a 20-30 minute educational session:

- Session title
- Session abstract (max 250 words)
- Three (3) session objectives
- Identification of topic area
- Name & bio of presenter(s)

SAM is seeking proposals that focus on the following topics:

- Advocacy
- Prevention strategies
- Treatment and recovery
- Social justice
- Link between marijuana and opioids/other drugs.
- Workplace and employers, and impact on employee productivity
- Impacts on youth and young adults

Presentation Terms and Conditions:

- Presenters will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest Reporting Form as part of their speaker agreement.
- Presenters agree to waive any honorariums/travel & hotel accommodations.
- Presenter will receive one (1) complimentary SAM Summit registration.
- Additional speakers from your organization must purchase a SAM Summit registration

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PLEASE NOTE: All submissions are to be completed by Friday, November 9, 2018.

Submit proposals to Brendan Fairfield: brendan@learnaboutsam.org

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Subject: Here's a quick rundown of marijuana news

News Roundup

September/October 2018

Here is a brief rundown of marijuana news as well as an update on what we have been up to over the last month.

Register Now for the 2019 SAM SUMMIT in Atlanta!

Don't miss the 6th Annual SAM Summit, once again taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

SAM is proud to announce that U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer, District Of Colorado, has just been added as the featured keynote.

This will be a must-see presentation as US Attorney Troyer will discuss his first-hand experience dealing with the negative effects of marijuana legalization in the state of Colorado. Be sure to read his September 2018 op-ed "It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization."

Topics to be covered include: Lessons Learned from Legalized States, States to Watch in 2019 and Beyond, Legalization and Social Justice, and more.

We are currently accepting submissions for additional speakers. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please email Brendan at info@learnaboutsam.org

Click here to register now!

SAM Goes All-In to Defeat Legalization in North Dakota

SAM Action launched a statewide group announcing that they will fight passage of recreational marijuana in North Dakota in this fall's election, calling it "bad law" and promising to educate residents about its dangers.

The proposed law would make North Dakota the most liberal state for the regulation and control of marijuana. It would allow for limitless THC, place no limits on how much pot a person could carry, or how much they sale or where they sell it. Further, the measure would severely hamstring law enforcement efforts to enforce impaired driving laws.

SAM Action is going all out to support efforts to oppose this reckless proposal from passing. To help bolster the opposition to Measure 3, SAM Action officially launched its new affiliate Healthy and Productive North Dakota. The image above is going up on billboards all over the state advertising the reality of limitless pot potency that the measure would allow for.

Multiple News Outlets Urge No Vote in Michigan, Including Detroit News Endorsement of SAM's Efforts

New HHS Survey: Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing

The Detroit News **officially came out in opposition** to the efforts to legalize marijuana in the state of Michigan. "The primary problem with this proposal is that it won't do what its name implies: regulate marijuana like alcohol. Prop 1 would leave too much of the marijuana production and distribution network underground, making enforcement of regulatory and tax policies difficult."

Additionally, SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet **penned an oped** for The Detroit News highlighting the concerns Michiganders should have about legalization:

"Large increases in drugged driving deaths, a phredatory industry targeting minorities and children, Big Marijuana wants nothing more than to use its power to entice the unsuspecting, the poor, the young and any other group that will listen to its false promises of a better world."

In **an oped for the Detroit Free Press**, Dr. Sabet discussed how legal pot brings about more substance abuse, impaired drivers, and racial disparities:

"According to data from the National Institutes of Health, 70% of today's illicit drug users began their journey with marijuana.. The simple fact is that today's marijuana is much more potent - and harmful - than in the past.

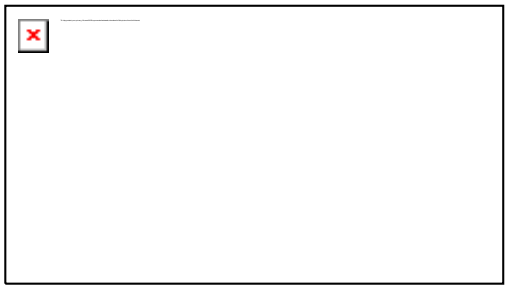
There are now twice as many daily or near daily marijuana users in the US than just a decade ago, according to the most comprehensive survey on drug use released this month by the federal government. There are also now 8,300 new marijuana users each day, and 22% of 18 to 25 year olds are currently using the drug-the highest number for all three stats in recent memory.

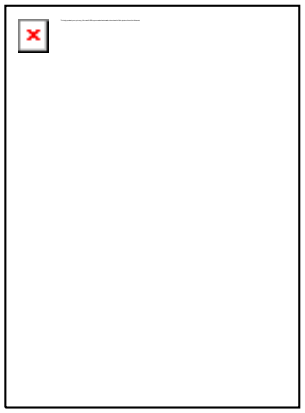
The marijuana industry is getting their wish. More people are using highly potent pot edibles and other items much more often, and the perception of harm for these products is plummeting. It is time we woke up as a country and put science above ideology.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) also found that 42% of marijuana users use the drug daily or almost daily, and that marijuana was used by more than 8 in 10 substance users. Marijuana use rose significantly among age groups 12 and up, 18 and up, and 26 and up. Use among 12 to 17 year olds was stable versus last year, though in legalized states NSDUH data show marijuana use higher on average in legalized states.

California Governor Vetos Bill Allowing Pot Shops to Deduct Expenses from Taxes

Op-ed: "New Jersey Police Chiefs: Don't Legalize Pot"





California Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a bill that would have allowed marijuana operations in the state to deduct business expenses from their state taxes, effectively allowing them greater movement to to advertise, promote, and commercialize their products.

"Governor Brown did the right thing vetoing AB 1863, which would have granted legitimacy to these federally illegal operations. What is disturbing about the bill is that it would allow these operations to deduct advertising costs just like any legitimate business.

"Because marijuana operations are pushing a federally controlled substance they are not able to deduct these expenses. Had the bill been signed, Big Marijuana would have been able to advertise and operate with even more freedom than they have at present."

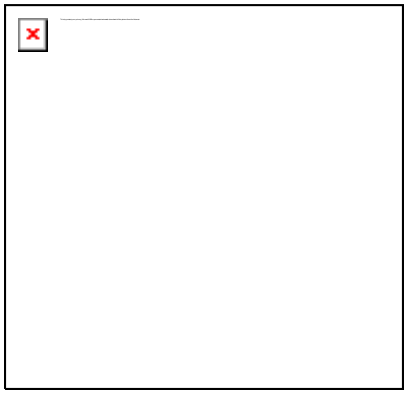
As part of SAM's ongoing work in New Jersey with its affiliate, **NJ-RAMP**, Member of the executive board for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Chairman of the NJSACOP Working Group, John Zebrowski, **penned an op-ed** highlighting the concerns of New Jersey law enforcement when it comes to marijuana legalization.

"My community has experienced its share of horrific crashes, traffic congestion, snarl-ups, delays, as well as, pedestrian and cyclist fatalities. So I feel appropriately qualified to discuss the issues and concerns related to impaired driving, and in this case "drugged driving," and its effect upon the motoring and non-motoring public.

Marijuana is not a benign drug. Impairment due to drugged driving has certain comparable similarities to impairment due to drunk driving, but it's the differences that will make the roadways less safe and the ability to enforce drugged driving laws much more difficult."

New Data Out of Colorado Show Harsh Reality of Legalization

A new Colorado report compiled by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area finds marijuana-positive traffic fatalities, hospitalizations, marijuana use, and illegal market activity have increased since marijuana legalization.

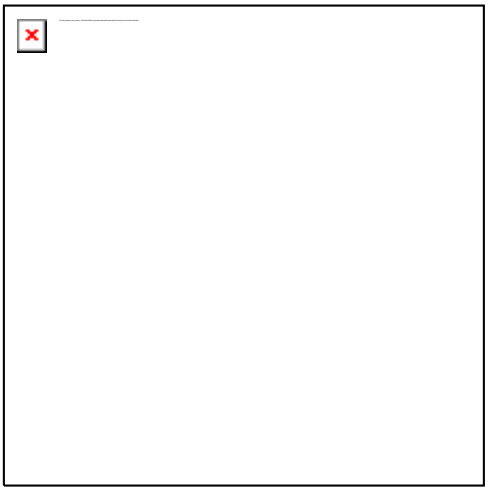


The report finds that since marijuana legalization:

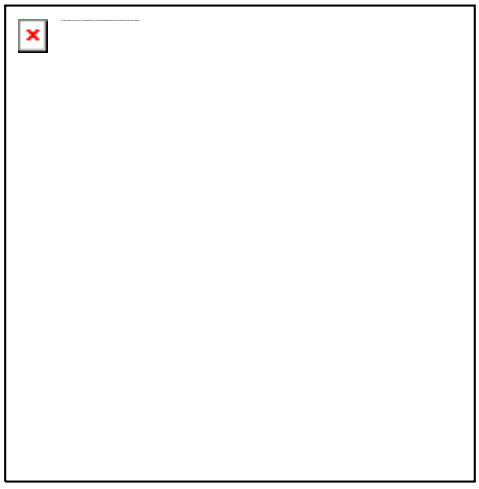
- Drugged driving went from killing roughly one person every 6.5 days to now killing someone every 2.5 days
- Marijuana positive deaths have doubled
- Regular marijuana use among the general population increased 45 percent
- Marijuana use in Colorado is higher than 85 percent of the nation
- The report also found that youth marijuana use increased 5 percent and is 54 percent higher than the national average, ranked 7th in the nation
- The number of highway seizures of Colorado marijuana increased 39 percent
- A total of 7.3 tons of illicit, Colorado-grown marijuana has been seized by law enforcement as it was en route to 24 different states
- Seizures of Colorado marijuana in the U.S. mail system has increased 1,042 percent from an average of 52 parcels (2009-2012) to an average of 594 parcels (2013-2017

To read the full report, please click here.

Michigan Prosecutors: "Legal marijuana would change the landscape of Michigan"



SAM President Testifies in Kentucky Legislature as Lawmakers Consider Relaxing Marijuana Laws



Police, prosecutors, health officials and others across the state of Michigan warned of dangers if a ballot initiative to legalize marijuana is passed by voters in November. The prosecutors also endorsed the efforts of Healthy and Productive Michigan, a SAM-affiliate.

Steve Kempker, the Ottawa County sheriff, said he recently met with law-enforcement officials in Colorado where marijuana has been legal since the start of 2014. He said that homelessness, petty theft and drugged-driving crashes - with marijuana the main drug - have increased. Mostly, he's concerned about the impact on children, and their easier access to the drug.

Ottawa County Prosecutor Ron Frantz said the legalizing marijuana would not, as some say, open jail cells for violent offenders. Any notion that the nation's jails and prisons are filled with those convicted marijuana-related crimes is "fallacy,"

"It's a terrible idea for Michigan," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said.

SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet was in Kentucky recently to testify before state lawmakers as they are considering marijuana legalization.

"I think we need to slow down a little bit, because I do think this is something we're going to regret," said Dr. Sabet.

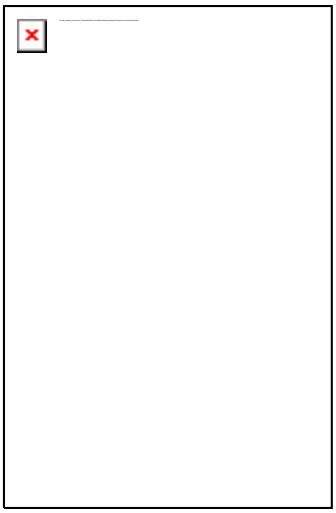
Dr. Sabet spent much of the hearing debunking the radical claims of the marijuana industry's lobbyists, including claims that the drug could cure cancer.

"We are not about criminalizing users or denying medicine that could be helpful for people, especially people with terminal illnesses," he said. "What we want to talk about is making sure we keep in mind what the data are saying and what experience has shown."

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.



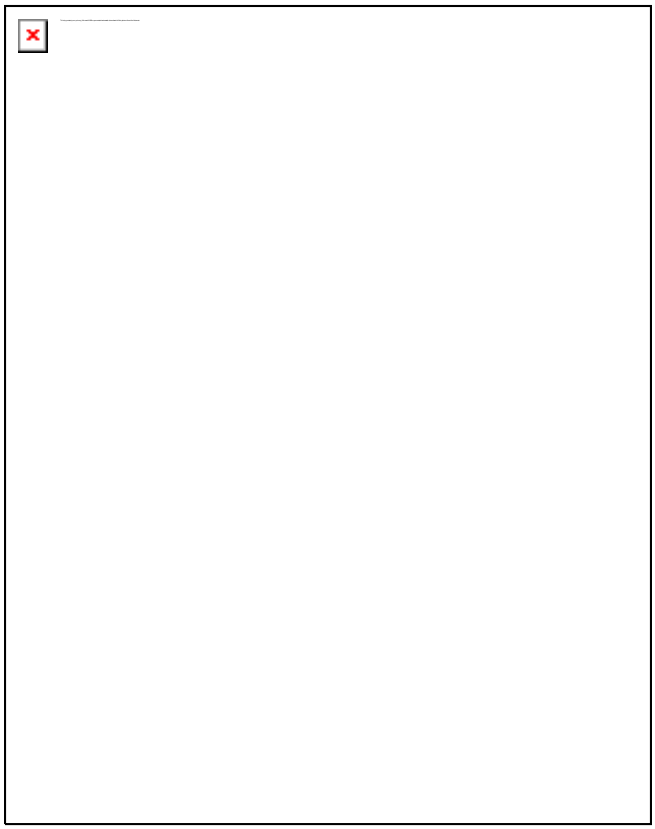
This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining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

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In Health,

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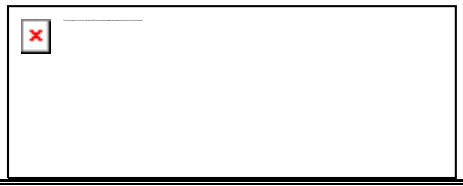

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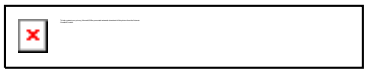

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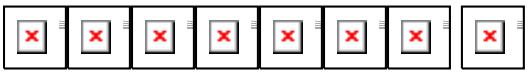

Watchdog Group Launches on First Day of Marijuana Legalization in Canada

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[Vancouver, BC] - Today, despite international treaties outlawing the legal sales of marijuana, Canada became the largest sponsor of marijuana in the world, legalizing the commercial sales of the drug. In response, concerned citizens, activists, and public health experts gathered in Vancouver to announce the launch of a watchdog group dedicated to counting the costs of marijuana commercialization and assisting Canadians in need of help.

The SAM Canada Pot Watch will help Canadians navigate through the real scientific truth about marijuana and will provide referrals to legal, legislative, and other relief for Canadians harmed by today's high potency pot.

"Canada is not only violating international laws by commercializing marijuana, it is letting a new industry - Big Marijuana - grow and prosper," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "As more Canadians feel the negative effects - secondhand smoke, workplace accidents, car crashes, declining school performance, loss of productivity, and other issues - I am confident the policy will be reversed in time. For now, we will help document the real costs of this policy. This watchdog website will help keep government and industry accountable."

"We need to be mindful of what has happened to our southern neighbor under legalization," said Pamela McColl, chair of SAM Canada. "Drugged-driving will go up. Workplace accidents will increase. Children and low-income populations will be targeted. It's up to our coalition to ensure Canada remains safe and shielded from the profit-driven interests of Big Marijuana."

This project will serve as a much-needed watchdog over the rapidly expanding industry in Canada. As seen in the United States, the marijuana industry dumps massive amounts of money into electing pro-marijuana lawmakers and lobbying on rolling back regulations so that it may pull in larger profits.

"We will seek to shine a light where the industry would prefer darkness and expose the truth of what commercialization is doing to our country," said McColl. "We will help Canadians get the help and guidance they need to deal with this dangerous, unprecedented policy."

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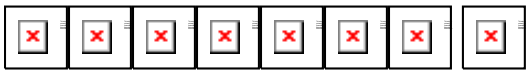

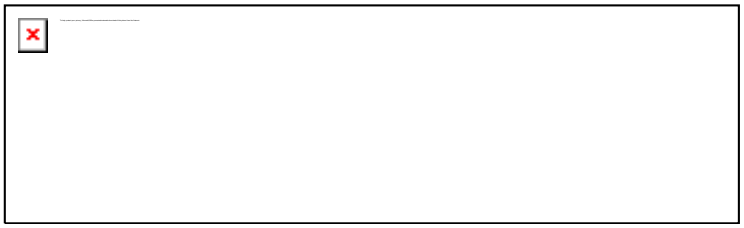

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Breaking News: Study Finds Car Crashes Are Up In States With Legal Pot

[Alexandria, VA] - New data released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) finds car crashes are up a combined six percent in four states that have legalized marijuana compared with the states surrounding them that haven't legalized. The findings come from two seperate studies, which were released today.

Analysts from the IIHS looked for differences for insured drivers, insured vehicles, urban versus rural, weather, etc. between legalized and non-legalized states. The studies include data from the commercialized states of Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington from 2012 through October of 2017.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) President Dr. Kevin Sabet stated, "Drugged driving is quickly becoming an epidemic as Big Marijuana continues to spread its false promises that pot is safe.. These studies prove that is not the case. People are paying with their lives, and it's evident the problem isn't going away. It's time to slow this train down and consider the consequences of legalization.

"Studies such as this should shut down any argument from the pot industry lobbyists who claim that legalizing marijuana use is a good idea. We have already seen what the industry does when states legalize. Not only does drugged driving increase, children are targeted with the use of colorful and harmless looking pot infused gummies, candies and sodas, pot shops are set up in low income neighborhoods, and work output plummets from a stoned workforce.

"Our hope is that people open their eyes to this deceptive industry and slam the door on Big Marijuana's hopes of becoming the next Big Tobacco."

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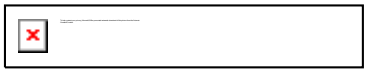

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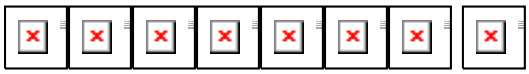


Dear friend,

October 17th, 2018 will be a day we look back on as a dark day in our history - the day Canada began nationwide legal sales of high-potency marijuana. It will be remembered as the day Canadian lawmakers put the interest of an addiction-for-profit industry over the health and safety of its citizens.

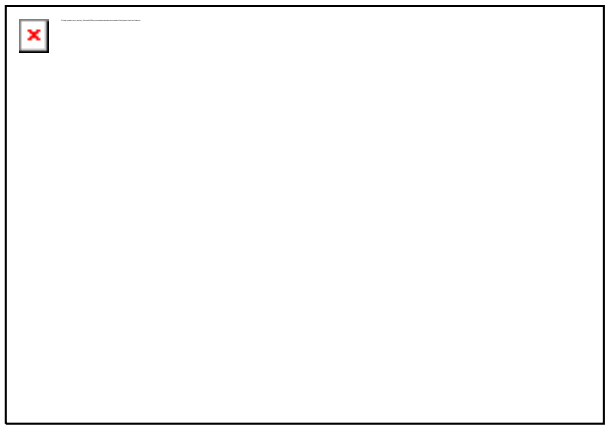
To make matters worse, the decision made in Ontario almost immediately after allowing for public pot smoking -- an astonishing provision given how we think of secondhand tobacco smoke -- will put more people at risk, and shows this law's true colors.

We at SAM and our partners at SAM Canada were determined not to stay silent.

So we grabbed a microphone and took to the streets, gathering with our fellow Canadian brothers and sisters. We were amazed at the attention we garnered: dozens and dozens of cameras, joined by scores of strangers, witnessed as we discussed marijuana dependence and addiction, mental illness, drugged driving, second-hand smoke, child exposure.

Here are just a few pieces of coverage the rally against legalization earned:

"A 'dark day' for Canada, say anti-pot activists"
- CBC



"The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn"
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"Group opposed pot legalization at Vancouver rally"
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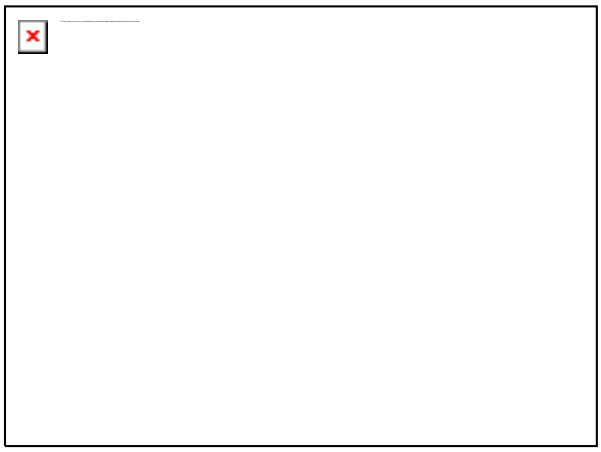

"Pot legalization marks a grey day for Canadians, says opponent"
- The Epoch Times

"Anti-legalization protest in Vancouver draws concerned groups, hecklers"
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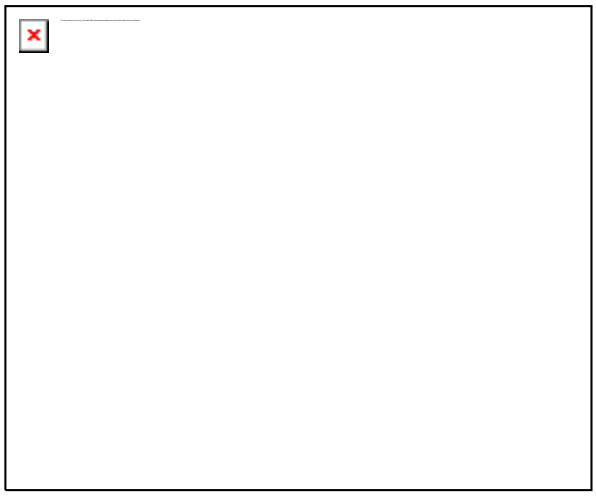
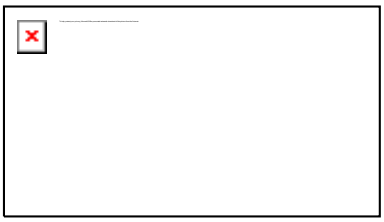


We didn't fly all the way to Vancouver to simply protest legalization, we used the event to launch a watchdog website, www.PotWatch.org, to be used to expose the harms of Big Marijuana in Canada. Pot Watch will serve as a hub for Canadians to access help and make their voices heard. It will work to shine a light on the realities the marijuana industry wants to remain in the darkness.

Our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We could not do it without your continued support.



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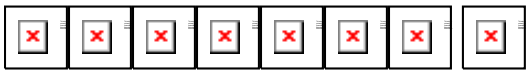
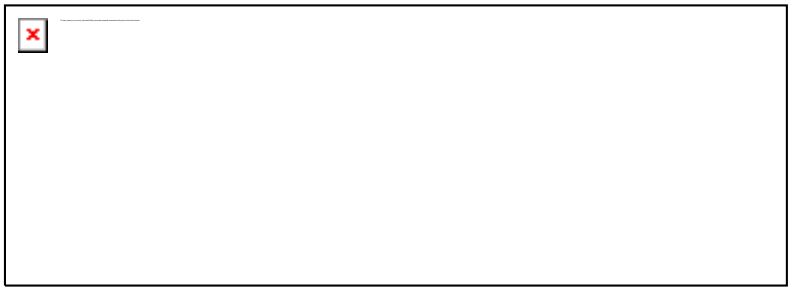




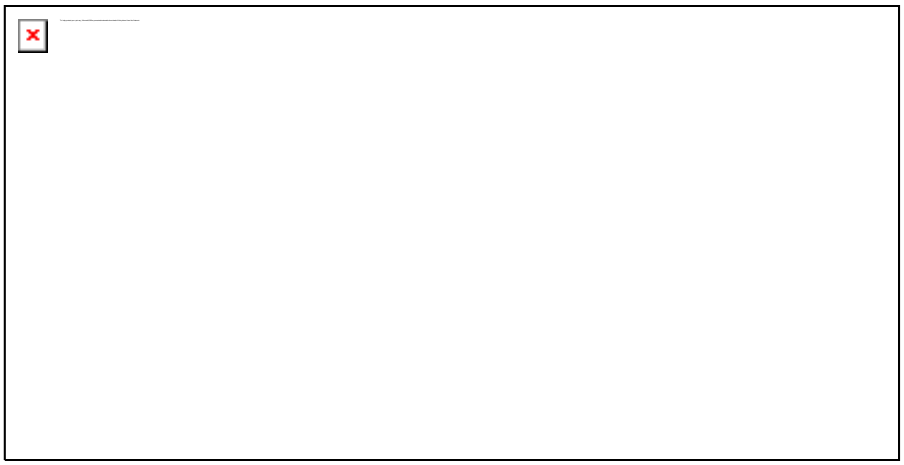
Dear Friend,

Today, President Trump signed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act into law. This is an important step in curbing our Nation's addiction epidemic, but we know addiction does not start with opioids. All too often, it starts with marijuana. So we're not surprised by recent research finding, once again, a strong link between marijuana and opioids. (*See SAM's new marijuana and opioid one pager here.*)

On this note, we are double downing on our support in the fight against marijuana commercialization in Michigan and North Dakota. Indeed, in just a couple of short weeks, voters will be heading to the ballot box.

We have seen polls turn to our favor in two battleground states: North Dakota and Michigan. There, our efforts have paid off thanks to our grassroots coalitions and partnerships on the ground.

In a historic move, the largest NAACP chapter in the world stood with us yesterday in support of our campaign, along with faith and other social justice leaders.

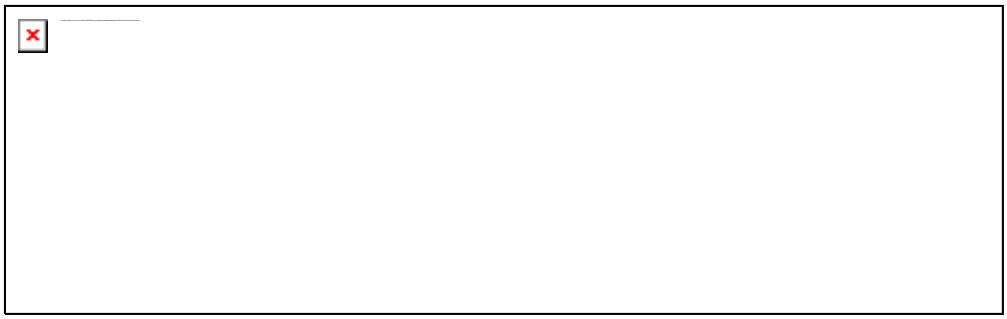


Kamilia K. Landrum, Deputy Director, Detroit Branch NAACP said:

"If passed, this ballot measure adds another layer of the systematic racism that has held our communities of color, particularly African-Americans, in bondage for hundreds of years."

And in North Dakota today, after our mass communications and billboard campaign in the state was implemented, a new poll found that a whopping 65% of North Dakotans oppose Measure 3. The efforts of Healthy and Productive North Dakota in putting up billboards, hosting press conferences, sending out mailers, and blasting the airwaves have really begun to move the needle.

Check out the latest billboards that are popping up all over the state:



Back in Michigan, we have a team of dedicated volunteers hard at work making phone calls and knocking on doors getting the word out that legalization is the wrong move for the state.

Healthy and Productive Michigan's Detroit volunteer canvassers

SAM Action President Dr. Kevin Sabet speaking with phone bankers in Detroit

On top of that, the president of the Detroit Branch NAACP, Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony recorded a video urging Michigan voters to join him in voting NO on the ballot initiative. Check out that video here:

Finally, SAM Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor Luke Niforatos joined Cheddar TV for a live interview on SAM's efforts in the Midterm Elections, and beyond:

Read some highlights of the coverage of the inspiring Detroit press conference:

Detroit NAACP urges 'no' vote on legal marijuana as campaign makes final push - MLive

Opponents speak out against Mich. pot legalization proposal

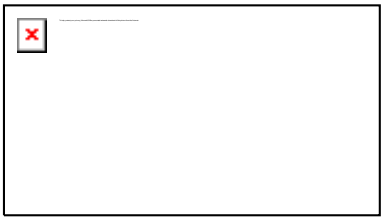
-The Detroit News

Friend, our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana. Each time we have released a ground breaking achievement or inspiring endorsement, the marijuana industry puppets try desperately to bury it.

But they can't stop the momentum we are creating across the country and they can't stop us from changing hearts and minds every single day in these battleground states.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We absolutely could not do this without all of you. Could you **click here to chip in with a donation** to help push back against the greedy pot profiteers? Our future is counting on it!

Thank you for all you do,



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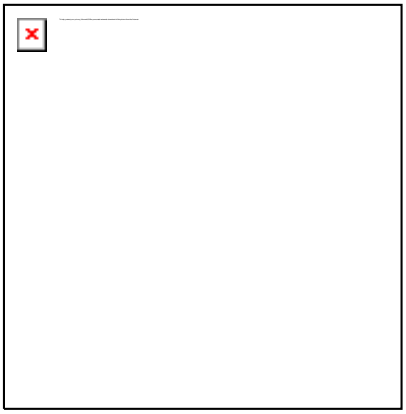

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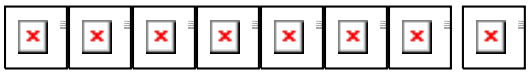
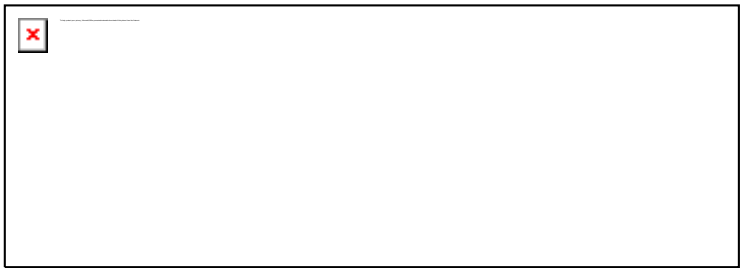




Dear friend,

Less than 7 days. That's when polls will close in North Dakota and Michigan, and I couldn't wait any longer to let you in on some great news. ***In the last few hours alone***:

- **A sitting US (Democrat) Senator just voted no on pot on her early ballot.**
- **We went on NETWORK television in Michigan.**
- **We outnumbered the pot industry at THEIR press conference in Detroit, chanting "Hope Not Dope."**
- **The social-justice minded Fannie Lou Hamer PAC just printed literature urging voters to say no to pot.**
- And on Monday: **Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and US Attorney Bob Troyer** campaigned for us in Grand Rapids! SAM Board Member Ben Cort also stormed North Dakota; he'll be in Michigan Friday.
- SAM Outreach Associate filmed a **new music video** we're distributing to hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan and beyond

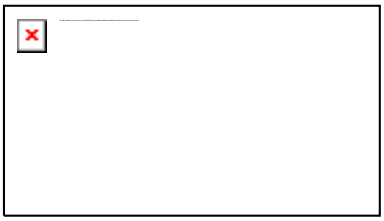
Our opponents in Big Tobacco and Big Marijuana are shaking in their boots. What recently seemed like assured victories for them are now totally up in the air. It is now anyone's game. **That is why the New Approaches PAC, a pro-pot industry "527 organization,"** funded by Peter Lewis' heirs, New York fragrance company heir Henry van Ameringen, family planning philanthropist Phil Harvey and Cari Tuna, the wife of one of Facebook's co-founders, is starting to pour money into pro-legalization campaigns -- **they just gave a half million dollars to Michigan in the past few days.**

We need your help. Can you chip in so we can buy more air time?

<<<Click here to chip in and help fight for hope around the country!>>>

Every dollar you can give is a dollar that will go towards fighting more stoned drivers on our roads, more youth using marijuana, booming black markets, and increasing mental health issues.

We have 149 hours to go. Are you in? (Check out below for some of my favorite, hand-picked photos of the last 72 hours on the trail...)



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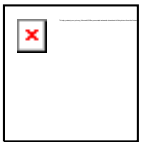

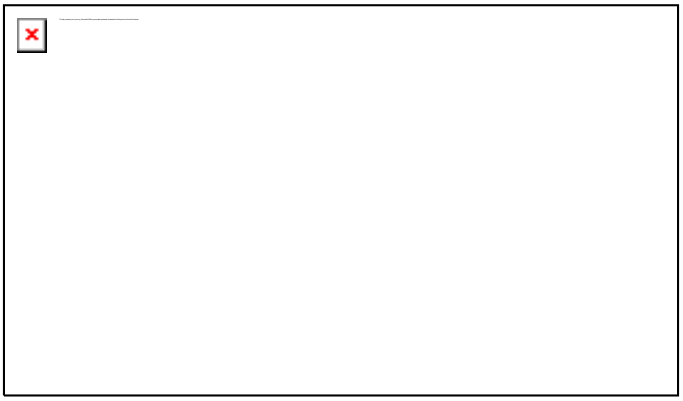

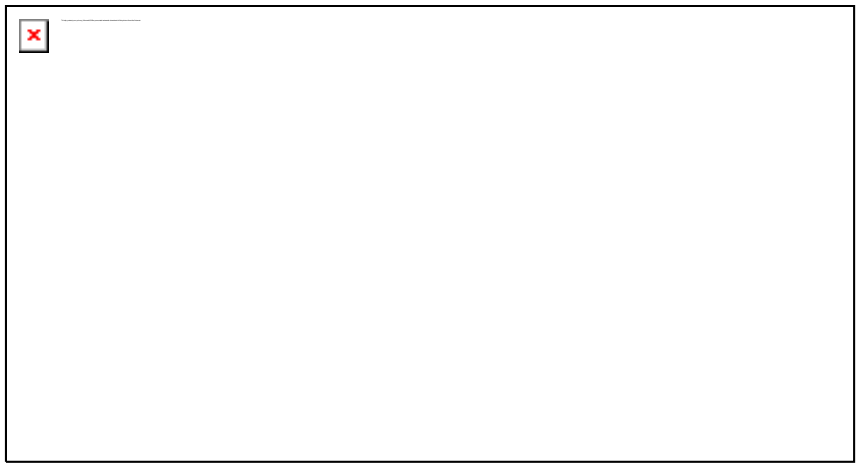

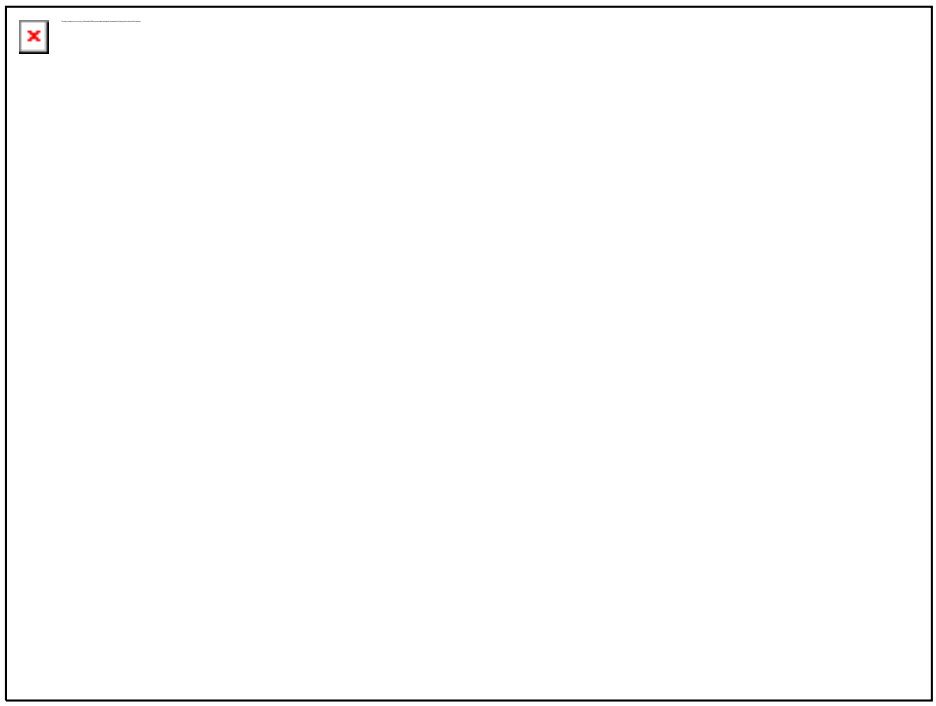

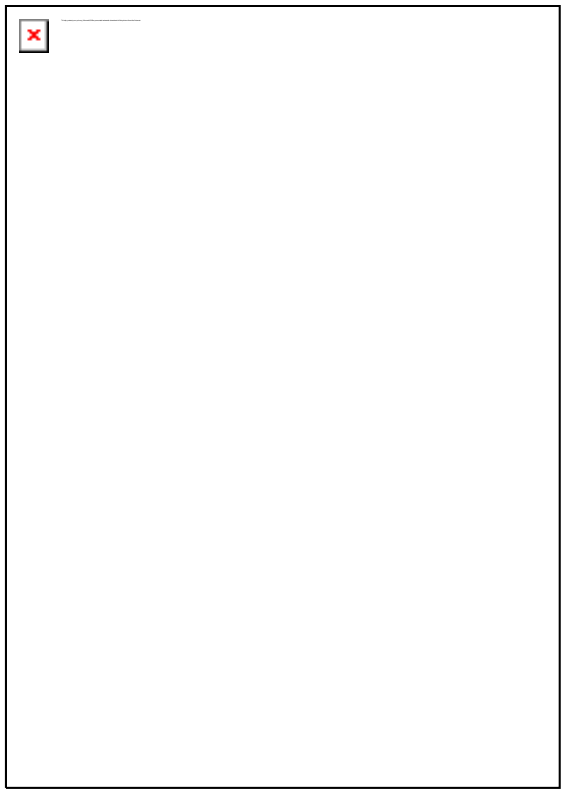

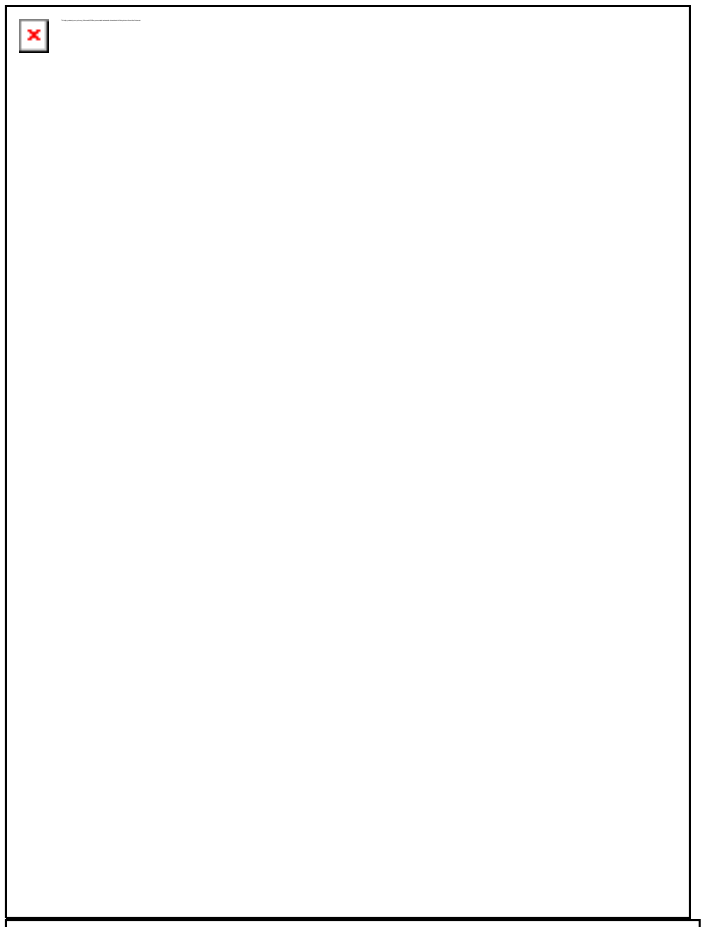

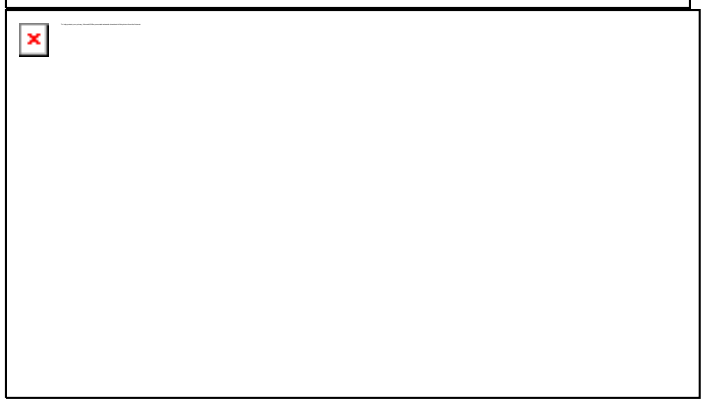

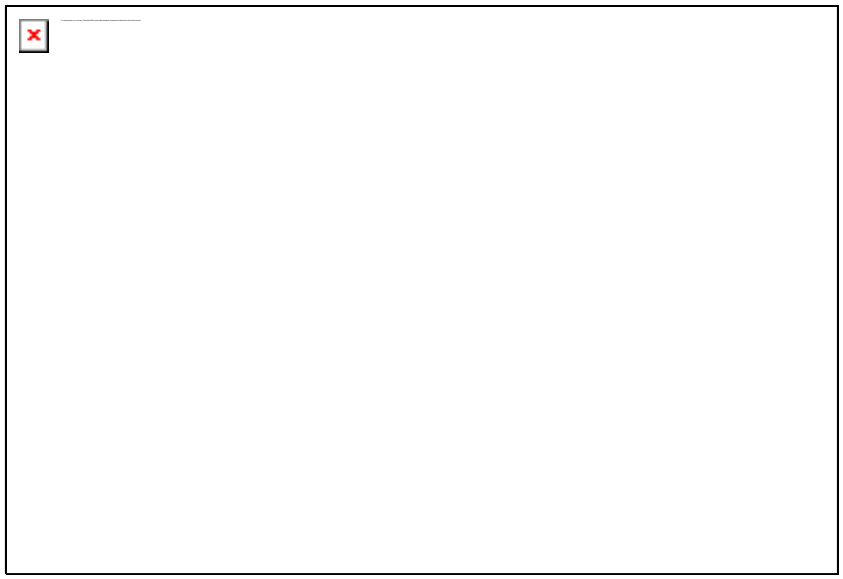

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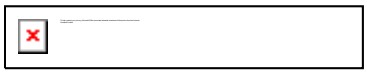

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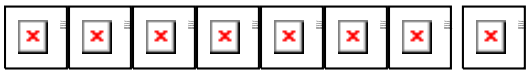

Dear Friends,

Public health prevailed - big time - in North Dakota last night. And two of Missouri's three pro-pot initiatives failed.. Several pro-pot officials lost their bids for election or re-election. And while last night didn't bring what we had hoped for in Michigan, I remain optimistic. As I have said for years, our movement is not about one vote, one election cycle, or one state. We fight for education, science-driven policy, prevention, and most of all, hope.

When Big Tobacco commenced their campaign of deceit, there didn't seem to be any light at the end of the tunnel. They bought off doctors, lured kids with ease in front of an unquestioning public, and sold their hype to a willing political leadership. A century and a half later, most Americans have learned about the harms of smoking - mainly because our predecessors in that movement never gave up.

We will never give up fighting for what is right. Today's super-potent marijuana has eclipsed alcohol and tobacco as the "first drug," according to newly released research, and the pot industry continues to recklessly bulldoze over facts, reason, and basic decency. Our movement is truly about social and economic justice. We will never stop standing up for the communities ravaged by legal drugs and false promises of "revenue," or for the father who lost his son to a THC-caused car crash, for the crying mother who has desperately tried a dozen treatment centers for her child's THC addiction, or for the friend whose mental illness was caused by heavy use.

Our work will go on. It has to. We are already reinvesting in Michigan to ensure localities have a say about pot shops, building off our incredibly diverse team there. We have high level federal meetings coming up with people who will be very influential on marijuana policy in the near future. And we are already contacting freshman legislators with a new fact-book and upcoming Congressional briefing later this month.

And that isn't all. I am so proud of our teams at Healthy and Productive Michigan and Healthy and Productive North Dakota; I've never seen campaigns work so hard. And I am excited to make some major programmatic announcements soon, all in the spirit of keeping this industry accountable.

Because we never will stop fighting with dignity for what is right. Never.

Yours,
Kevin

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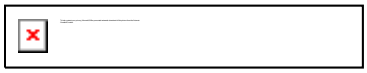

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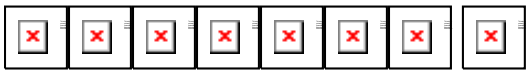

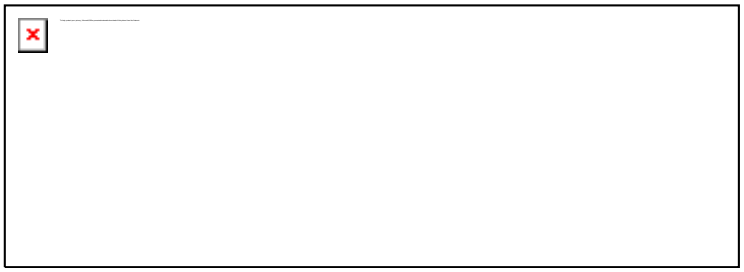

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A DRAW FOR LEGALIZATION ON ELECTION NIGHT

North Dakota Rejects Legalization; Michigan Passes It, But Opposition Vows Local and Legal Battles

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, after a hotly contested year of campaigning, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action) and its affiliates went one for one in ballot initiatives. In North Dakota, voters overwhelmingly defeated legalization, while in Michigan, a late surge of funds from Big Marijuana helped bring that state to vote in favor of marijuana commercialization. SAM Action vowed to take the Michigan race to the local level by supporting marijuana store bans and threatening legal action against the pot industry. Also, several key pro-

pot house members lost, while some anti-legalization members won or retained their seat. Overall, three pro-marijuana initiatives passed and three failed.

"Legalization is far from inevitable. The results of the election in North Dakota are a huge win for public health, safety, and frankly, common sense," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of SAM Action. "Measure 3 was an effort by Big Pot to pass one of the most wide-open legalization initiatives in history. The defeat is an immense victory for us and our grassroots partner, Healthy and Productive North Dakota."

"In Michigan, we will take the fight local and stand with citizens who don't want to see pot shops in their neighborhoods. We are also talking to legal counsel about how to ensure the rights of non-users are upheld; we are looking at liability and other legal action right now," said Sabet. "Finally, we will continue to work with federal lawmakers to ensure they understand the harm this marijuana industry brings."

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, a co-founder of SAM Action, said:

"We are proud of the work done by everyone who stood in opposition to the marijuana industry. North Dakota voters saw this for what it was - an attempt by Big Tobacco and Big Marijuana to threaten public health, and the voters slammed the door in their face."

"This is a great day not only for North Dakota but also the rest of America. We have stopped Big Marijuana from using our state as it has others in its constant attempts to become the next Big Tobacco," said Kristie Spooner, president of Healthy and Productive North Dakota. "We are indebted to our volunteers for showing voters why allowing marijuana in would have forever changed what we have built. We serve as a model for opponents in other states considering legalizing marijuana by showing how this grassroots effort revealed the true nature of the marijuana industry."

Voters in Michigan sided with the empty promises of Big Marijuana and approved Proposal 18-1.

"While this is not the outcome we wanted, it is the beginning of our fight in Michigan, not the end. We are going to continue our campaign on the local level and stop pot shops, as we have in other legal states," said Dr. Kevin Sabet. "Our staff and volunteers in Michigan did an incredible job getting folks engaged on this issue. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to public health and safety."

"A hearty thanks goes out to the many doctors, faith leaders, law enforcement groups, and social justice champions who publicly came out in opposition to legalization," said Patrick Kennedy. "We're not going away, though, and history will not look upon this vote kindly."

"It is unfortunate that my fellow Michiganders have chosen to put the commercialization of potent pot candies and lollipops over the future of our young people, the safety of our roads, and the very real issues of mental health and addiction we are suffering from," said Scott Greenlee, president of Healthy and Productive Michigan. "I am proud of the work done by our volunteers and staff to share with voters how unleashing this industry on our state will harm us. This is just the beginng of our effort.."

"Moving forward, SAM Action and our affiliates will identify communities and work with them to 'opt-out' of legalization by banning pot shops and growing facilities like we have done in Colorado, California, and Massachusetts, continued Sabet. "Moreover, we will continue to expose the harms this predatory industry will bring upon the people of Michigan in the form of targeting disadvantaged communities, exposure to minors, arrest disparities, increased drugged driving, and the black market."

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New Report: Cost of Marijuana Legalization Far Outweighs Tax Revenues

(Denver, CO) - Today, a new study on the impact of marijuana legalization in Colorado conducted by the Centennial Institute found that for every one dollar in tax revenue from marijuana, the state spends $4.50 as a result of the effects of the consequences of legalization.

This study used all available data from the state on hospitalizations, treatment for Cannabis Use Disorder (CUD), impaired driving, black market activity, and other parameters to determine the cost of legalization. Of course, calculating the human cost of addiction is nearly impossible, we can assume the cost estimated for treating CUD is a gross underestimate due to the fact that it is widely believed among health officials that CUD goes largely untreated...yet rates have been increasing significantly in the past decade.

That, in conjunction with the fact that there is no way of quantifying the environmental impact the proliferation of single use plastic packaging common

within the marijuana industry, leads us to believe this is indeed a very conservative estimate.

"Studies such as this show that the only people making money off the commercialization of marijuana are those in the industry who profit at the expense of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). "The wealthy men in suits behind Big Marijuana will laugh all the way to the bank while minority communities continue to suffer, black markets continue to thrive, and taxpayers are left to foot the bill."

"The data collected in this study, as in similar studies before it, continues to show the scope of the cost of commercialization. The effects of legalization are far and wide, and affect just about every resident in the state directly and indirectly," said Jeff Hunt, Vice President of Public Policy for Colorado Christian University.

"The pot industry doesn't want this dirty truth to be seen by law makers and the taxpayers, who were promised a windfall in tax revenue," said Justin Luke Riley, president of the Marijuana Accountability Coalition. "The MAC will continue to shine a light on the industry and urge our lawmakers to reign in Big Pot before it brings more harm on Coloradans."

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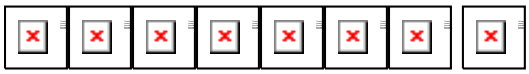

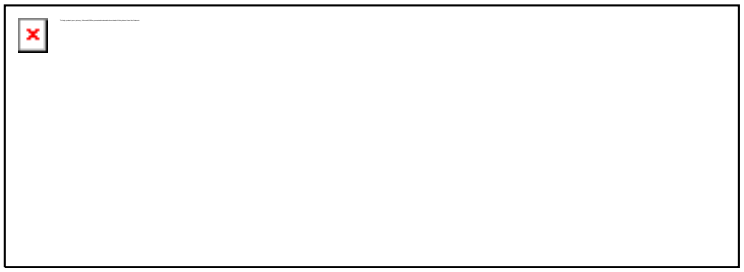

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Massachusetts Opens its First Recreational Pot Shops Despite Overwhelming Evidence Showing its Negative Effects on Society

Commercialization of marijuana starts today in Massachusetts

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, recreational sales of marijuana are slated to begin in Massachusetts two years after the state narrowly voted to legalize. In response, Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana released the following statement:

"Today is the beginning of a dark time for the Bay State. We are proud to have seen the majority of municipalities in the state move to ban pot shops or move to slowly consider the ramifications of allowing Big Pot to set up shop in their neighborhoods. We would encourage communities to continue to consider the consequences legalization could have on their state, especially with the recent release of a study that found each dollar in tax revenue costs the state of Colorado $4.50.

"Moving forward, SAM will work with local partners to expose this predatory industry as it brings the harms we have seen in other legalized states to Massachusetts. Increased drugged driving, higher rates of youth exposure, skyrocketing poison control calls and emergency room visits, and a thriving black market are part and parcel in the states that have unfortunately chose to go to pot. We expect Massachusetts will continue this trend."

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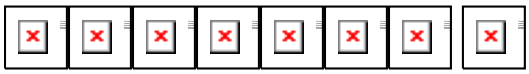

Malcolm Gladwell blasts pot legalization, says *"we should not be racing to make this available,"* and that the emerging legal industry is *"a whole new scary thing."*

Also today, CBS This Morning features SAM Pres. Kevin Sabet

This week, best-selling *The Tipping Point* author Malcolm Gladwell, who the *New York Times* has called "as close to a singular talent as exists today" in the world of nonfiction, opined about his distaste for the legalization of marijuana and the expanded normalization of the drug. In an extended interview with an NPR affiliate, Gladwell stated:

"To my mind, the important issue is not the economic one, it is the psychological and medical one," he said. "Research seems pretty clear that the kind of marijuana that's being sold now, which has levels of THC that are seven or eight times higher than historically, has some quite serious side effects, not all of which we understand."

He went on to say: ***"The idea of having the general public consume what is an extraordinarily powerful drug that we don't fully understand is quite terrifying to my mind."***

CBS This Morning Features SAM

Also today, CBS This Morning featured a story on the sales of recreational marijuana in Massachusetts, and SAM President Kevin Sabet. In the story, Sabet said:

"The state is being heavily influenced by the marijuana industry to tell you your product is safe. There have been...recalls because of additives, pesticides, and molds, so it's really 'buyer beware.'

"This isn't about the individual users, this is about a green light to an industry that is taking all of their plays from Big Tobacco, who lied to the American people for a century.. Why would we get fooled again?"

Colorado Cost Study

In case you missed it: a new study conducted by a third-party analysis firm found each dollar in tax revenue costs the state of Colorado $4.50.

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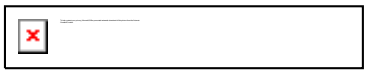

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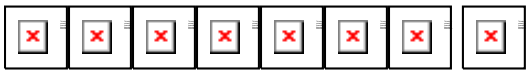

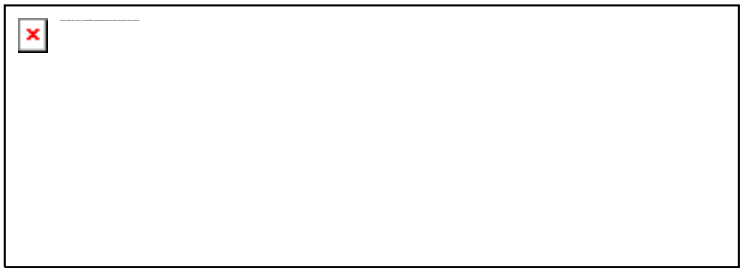

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Leadership Ignores Key Drug Policy Experts; Rams Legalization Bill Through Committee

(Trenton, NJ) - Despite arriving early to testify, legislators today denied to hear from top experts opposing legalizing marijuana including a former senior policy advisor to three presidential administrations and the only Colorado resident in the room who has lived through legalization. Many legislators, who voiced serious concerns about marijuana legalization, opted to "abstain" rather than draw the wrath from leadership by voting against their bill.

Having passed the committees today, the bill to legalize marijuana in New Jersey will now face the scrutiny of the entire New Jersey Legislature. Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action), its affiliate New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-

RAMP) and its partners who oppose the bill, including the New Jersey chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Cancer Association, American Heart Association, and others, look forward to working together in the state to defeat this reckless measure.

"Arm-twisting of on-the-fence lawmakers and intentional silencing of expert testimony is a sad loss for democracy - and the interests of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, a former Obama Administration advisor and president of SAM Action.. "Slamming a bill through committee is no way to draft public policy with as many far reaching consequences as the legalization and commercialization of a substance much more powerful than it used to be."

Following the vote, SAM Action and NJ-RAMP members confronted the Senate leader and sponsor of the bill to make a pledge not to accept money from the fledgling marijuana industry. Those senators declined to take that pledge.

Sabet continued, "We are looking into all avenues - legal, regulatory, and otherwise, to stop the reckless marijuana industry. This story is far from over."

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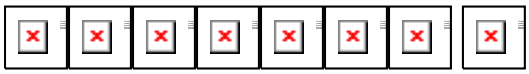

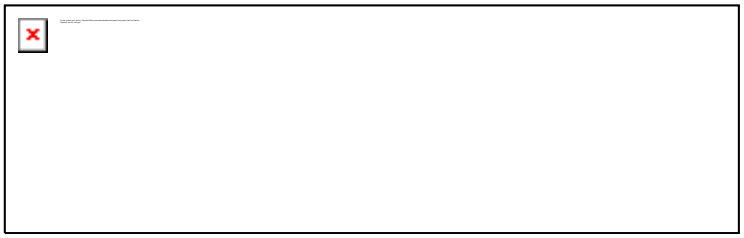

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Study Finds First State to Commercialize Marijuana Continues to Feel the Harsh Effects of Pot Use

Colorado leads the nation when it comes to first time pot users among 12 to 17 year olds

(Alexandria, VA) - More young people are trying marijuana for the first time in Colorado, the first state to allow recreational marijuana, than anywhere else in the nation. A new study conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) also finds the state is at the top of the list for the lowest perception of risk of using pot in the 12 to 17 year old age group.

Key findings of the study:

- Past month use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 7.6% (legal: 16%; non: 8.5%), 12-17 by 2.8% (9.1%; 6.3%), and 18+ by 8.7% (17.4%; 8.7%).

- Past year use of marijuana is noticeably greater in states that have legalized among those 12+ by 10% (legal: 23.48%; non: 13.43%), 12-17 by 3.7% (15.7%; 12%), and 18+ by 10.5% (24.1%; 13.6%).

- In 2017, past month marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (10.75%), followed by Oregon (10.35%).

- In 2017, past year marijuana use among 12-17 year-olds was highest in Vermont (17.88%), followed by Oregon (17.01%).

- In 2017, perception of great risk from smoking marijuana once a month among 12-17 year-olds was lowest in Colorado (16.21%), followed by Oregon (16.84%).

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- California saw a significant increase among 12+ and 18+ year-olds reporting both past month and year use in 2017, compared to 2016.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) released the following statement : "This is one in a long list of studies that proves Big Marijuana is targeting and subsequently harming our most vulnerable populations. Its profits-over-people business model is designed to hook people when they're most susceptible and make lifetime users out of them. When will we learn the

marijuana industry isn't our friend, rather a social disease just like Big Tobacco was decades ago?"

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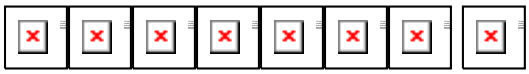

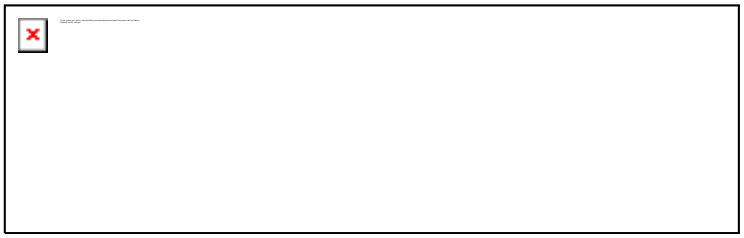

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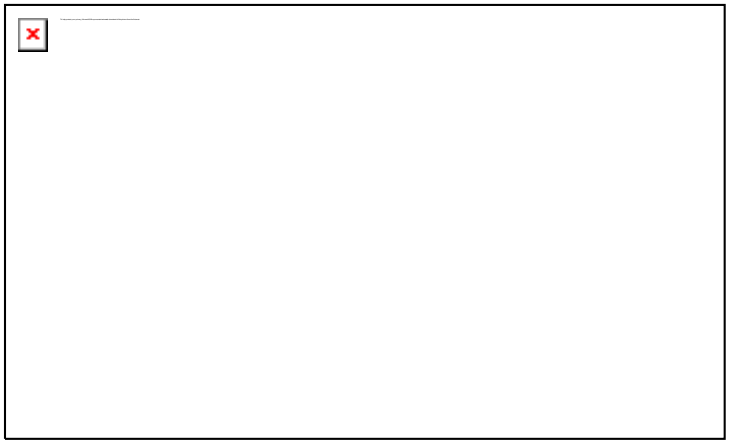
Annual HHS Survey Finds Marijuana Use Higher in "Legal" States; Colorado Leads Nation For First Time Adolescent Pot Use

Legal States Use Rates Nearly 45% Higher Than Other States; Alcohol Use Also Up in Colorado

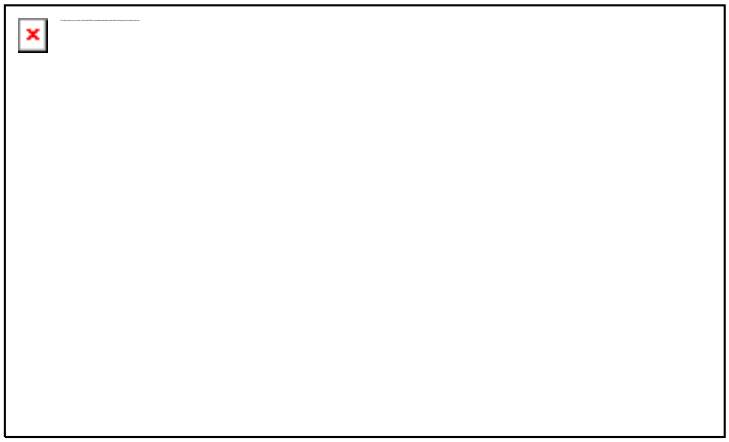
(Alexandria, VA) - More young people are trying marijuana for the first time in Colorado, the first state to allow recreational marijuana, than anywhere else in the nation, according to the nation's most authoritative study on drugs, conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), a division of the US Department of Health

and Human Services. The survey also finds the state is at the top of the list for the lowest perception of risk of using marijuana among teens.

Almost 8% of Colorado teens admitted to using marijuana for the first time last year, compared with 7.9% in Massachusetts, 7.4% in DC and 7.1% in Alaska, all jurisdictions with "legal" marijuana (marijuana remains illegal in the U.S. per the Controlled Substances Act). Past month use of marijuana is double in "legal" states among all age groups, and 45% higher in the 12 to 17 year-old category (9.1% versus 6.3%).



"The effects of legalization are revealing our worst fears," Dr. Kevin A. Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), and a former White House drug policy advisor, said. "Big Pot's profits-over-people business model is hooking more people on highly potent marijuana gummies, candies, waxes, and blunts while governments look the other way. How many lives have to be affected until we take action?"



Sabet continued, "There should be a moratorium on legalization until we can better understand what is happening. The social harms -- increased stoned driving, more youth use, crime, and hospital mentions -- keep piling up. We need to stop the bleeding."

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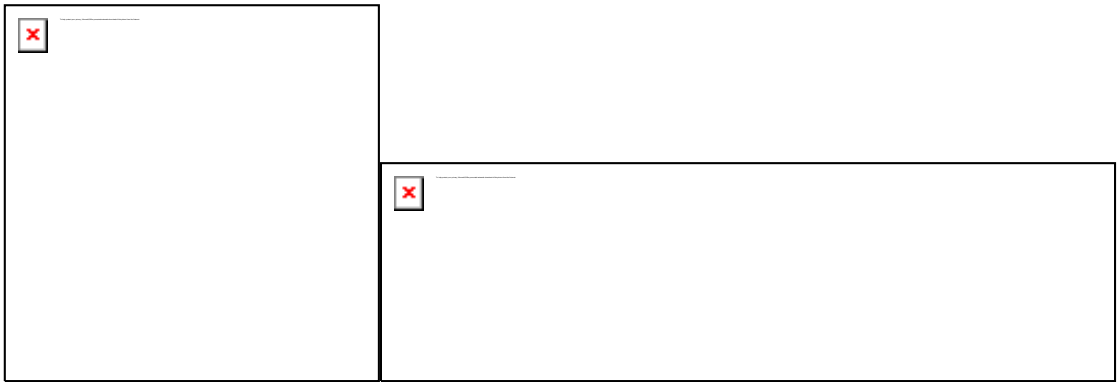

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NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. The holiday season is here, unfortunately it is also a time for an increase in drugged driving.

SAM and its project, DRIVING HIGH MEANS DUI, are proud to release this toolkit to help in your work.

Those affected by marijuana-impaired driving tell their stories

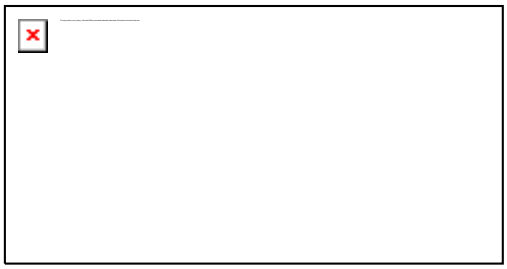
Some one-liners to share on social media:

- Driving high is increasing from coast-to-coast: Incidents of drugged driving are such a big concern across the country that the Governors Highway

Safety Administration released a comprehensive guide for states to tackle the issue.

- Commercialized states see more high drivers: According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, there has been up to a six percent increase in the number highway crashes in four of the states that have allowed recreational marijuana.
- Stoned driving is expensive to test: In Colorado in 2016, the state itself reported of the 27,000 people pulled over for impaired driving, only 4,000 were tested for marijuana because police say it was too costly to test them all.
- Driving high affects all age groups: A SAMHSA study found that while driving under the influence of iilicit drugs peaks between the ages of 20 to 23, there is no discrimination when it comes to those who get behind the wheel impaired. The National Institutes of Health reports older Americans are doing it in increasing numbers.

The impacts of drugged driving to share:



National Institutes of Health demonstrate the perils of drugged driving

Sample tweets:

- It's time to put the brakes on drugged driving. https://bit.ly/2DoVHtg
- Don't let stoned driving define your holiday season. https://bit.ly/2DoVHtg
- Give your loved ones a lifesaving gift this season: A talk about the perils of pot. https://bit.ly/2DDIRbQ
- High drivers are an increasing problem, be alert when behind the wheel. https://bit.ly/2DoVHt

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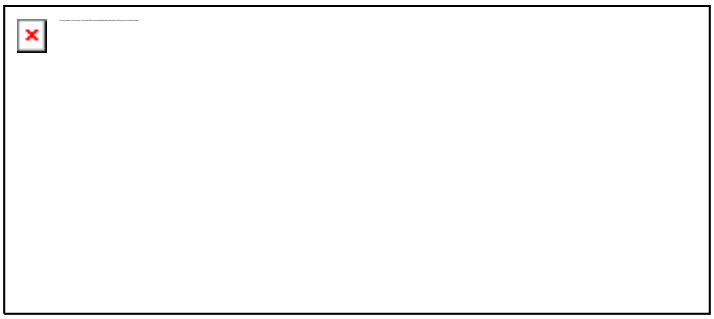

Doug Beirness of the Canadian Centre of Substance Abuse discusses the issues with testing individuals for marijuana impairment

Sample Facebook post:

Pot and driving don't mix. It's no joke: December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Do your part and talk with family and friends about the dangers of driving high. Today's pot is not what it used to be.

Additional information:

- Marijuana's effects on driving
- Report out of Colorado on Marijuana's Impact
- Impact of drugged driving in Canada before legalization

Sample materials/templates for media outreach:

- Op-ed on drugged driving over Labor Day Weekend
- Letter to the Editor in Minnesota

The false hopes and promises by Big Marijuana are the lumps of coal under any tree. This industry claims there are no victims when it comes to the use of commercialized marijuana.

Tell that to Corinne Gasper, who lost her daughter due to a high driver after he slammed his car into her's going more than 80 miles an hour.

She, and others like her, have suffered because of this profits-over-people industry that will stop at nothing to become the next Big Tobacco- The last social disease this country had to face and one that took decades to bring under control.

Drugged driving any time of year is bad, but this holiday season when you're enjoying your time with your family and friends, take a moment to remember all those who have suffered because of Big Marijuana and its unending rhetoric that pot is safe and harmless.

Recently, smart and informed voters in North Dakota gave the industry the boot when they voted down a measure that would have legalized recreational marijuana. It will save countless lives on and off the roadways. But there is still much more work ahead as other states like Illinois, New Jersey, and New York consider similar proposals.

Please use the above information to promote the message that drugged driving is a growing problem that will only grow worse by allowing Big Marijuana to plant its claws into our society, our culture, and our lives.

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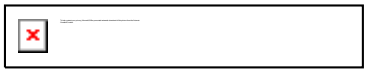

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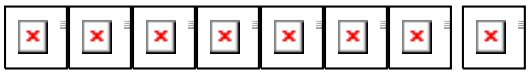

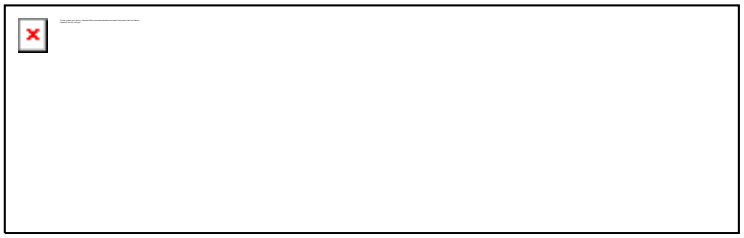

Dear friend,

When it comes to the media's awareness of Big Marijuana, it is better five years late than 50. Dr. Sabet's continued pressure on Big Tobacco 2.0 made the opening hook in a Forbes article published today.

From the article: "*Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)'s legalization opponent Kevin Sabet may be right: like it or not Big Tobacco is invading cannabis. Altria, the company that invited unwitting consumers for decades to come to where the cancer is - Marlboro Country - may be looking to shore up stagnant cigarette sales by purchasing Canadian cannabis company Cronos Group.*"

We aren't saying "I told you so," however, this is old news to SAM and all of you. Over the last five years (and beyond), Dr. Sabet has predicted a Big Tobacco takeover of marijuana legalization and we have exposed numerous instances of tobacco companies tipping their toes in the waters of the industry. To those of you who are now seeing this terrible reality and wanting to do something about it, we welcome you aboard. If you you'd like to support us as we continue to educate the public, please consider a tax-deductible donation to SAM by clicking here.

The article concludes with this: *"Meanwhile, self-professed whistleblower Kevin Sabet sounds the alarm over Big Tobacco taking over cannabis. Sabet points out that tobacco was relatively harmless before cigarettes were invented. Once unnecessary chemicals like nicotine and formaldehyde were added to tobacco, addiction and cancer rates grew at alarmingly unprecedented rates, spawning a global epidemic. Sabet fears with Big Tobacco's involvement, marijuana will follow the same nefarious path of addicting children and causing millions of fatalities.. Sabet feels acquisitions of this nature signal the beginning of the end of harmless cannabis consumption."*

I hope that you will take a second to read this article today by clicking here. If you can, please also consider sharing it with your friends, family and co-workers, either by clicking here to forward this email or by sharing the article on social media.

Thank you for all that you do,

Pat Brogan
Vice President of Communication
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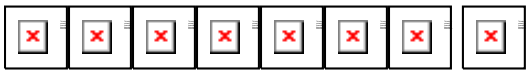
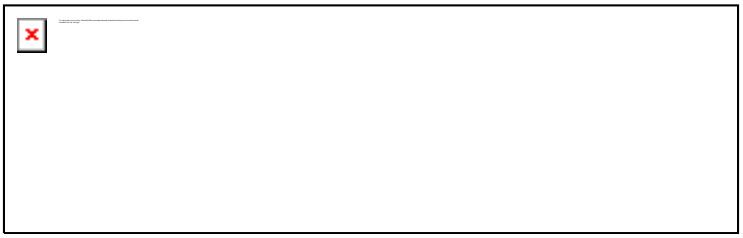
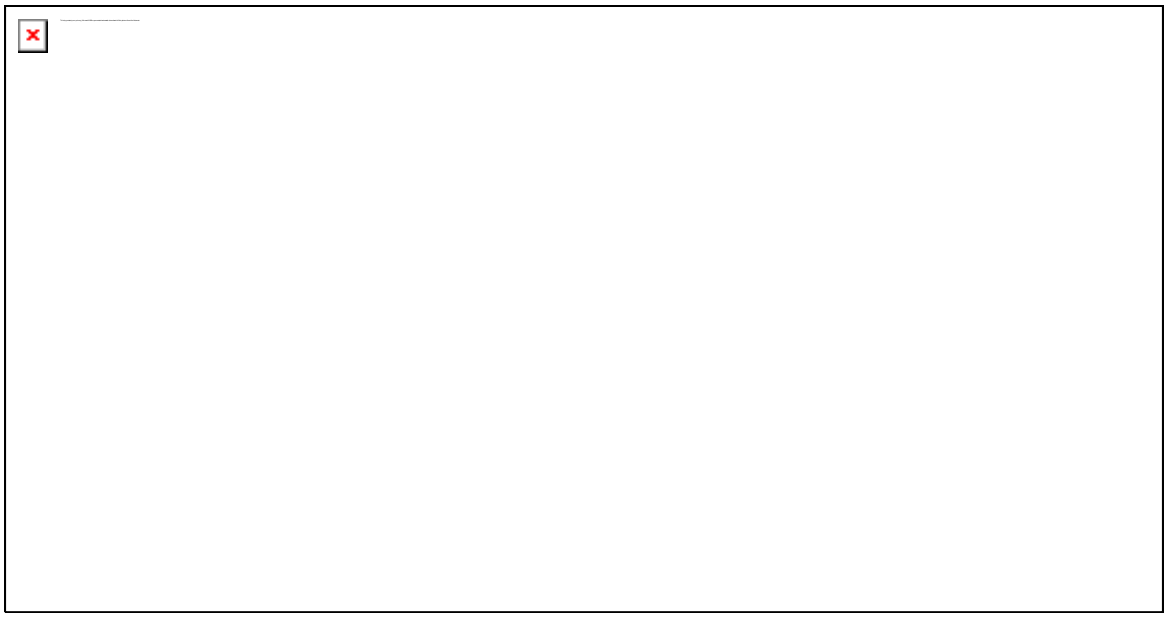




Dear friend,

I just wanted to let you know that Rocky Mountain PBS will be featuring an in-depth look at whether or not marijuana legalization in Colorado has gotten rid of the black market in the state.

I'll give you a hint: **it hasn't**.



The groundbreaking piece will air tonight at 8:00 PM in Colorado, but you can also view it
here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SITIVcG6shY&feature=youtu.be

Please give it a watch and let me know what you think!

Thank you for all that you are doing,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
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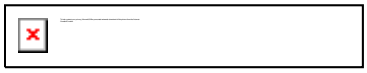

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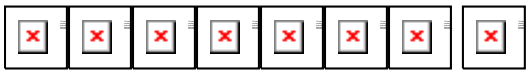

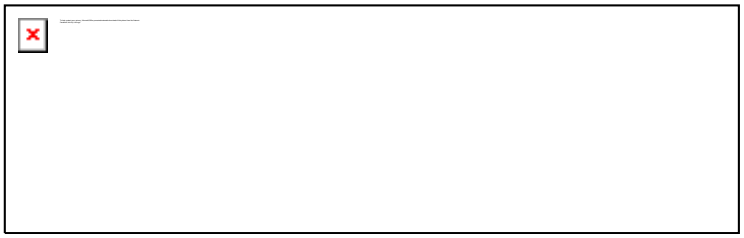

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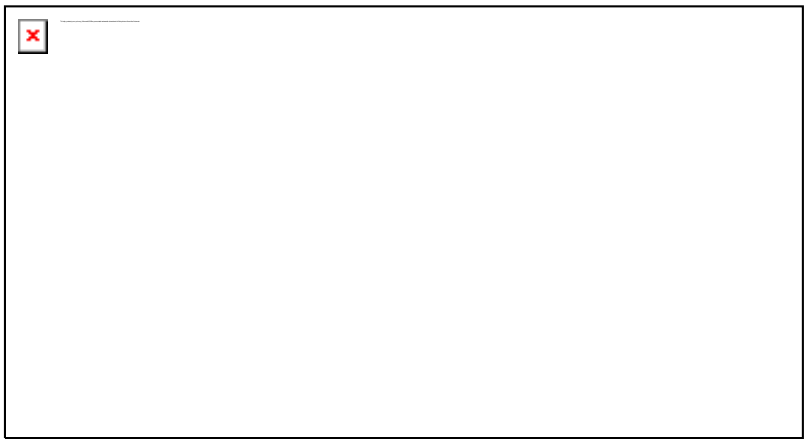
Benchmark NIH Survey Finds Marijuana Use Significantly Higher Among 10th Graders, Vaping Also Significantly Increasing

Tenth grade marijuana use up 10% versus two years ago; vaping marijuana is up more than fifty percent among all age groups; edibles remain popular

(Alexandria, VA) - In the past few years, marijuana use is up significantly, by 10%, among 10th graders, and current vaping of marijuana is up 63% for eighth and tenth graders and 53% for twelfth

graders, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. The 2018 Monitoring the Future survey, compiled by researchers at the University of Michigan and funded by the National Institutes of Health, is the benchmark for student drug use in the United States.



Over the past two years, marijuana use among tenth graders rose 10%, a significant increase. Additionally, despite common belief that nicotine use among youth is down, nicotine vaping rose 87% on average across all age groups.

"The marijuana industry's efforts to glamorize and normalize marijuana appears to be working. After a decline in use, marijuana use is on the rise again over the past few years, particularly among 10th graders, and especially with respect to vaping," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and a former three-time White House drug policy advisor. "And today's marijuana isn't what it used to be: THC levels can be 50 times higher than in the past, especially when vaped. We call on regulators to stop the sales of 99% THC vapes and edibles, the two most likely modes of administration after smoking, and to press pause on further proposals to commercialize THC."

In addition, the study found that the percentage of youth who say they would use marijuana if it was legal has increased, and that 12th graders admitting to driving after using marijuana is significantly higher. Marijuana use has been known to more than double the chance of being in a car crash.

"The commercialization of the marijuana industry and its partnership with groups such as Juul and other Big Tobacco organizations like Altria is now cultivating youth-friendly methods of use, as evidenced by the huge increases in marijuana vaping rates. Legalization today is about enriching Big Tobacco, plain and simple."

Today's marijuana is especially harmful to adolescents and is known to have a whole host of damaging effects on developing brains. Adolescent marijuana use severely impacts the ability of our youth to learn, greatly increases the risk of serious mental illness, impairs memory, and can even result in a loss of up to eight IQ points.

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Dear friend,

I wanted to make sure you saw this opinion piece I wrote yesterday for the New York Daily News on Governor Andrew Cuomo's call for marijuana legalization.

You can read it online by clicking here, but I have also shared the text of the piece below.

Please be sure to share it with your networks as we need to our message to reach as many people as possible if we are to win the fight against Big Pot.

Thank you for all you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet

"Cuomo's marijuana mistake: Legalizing pot is bad for young people and public health"

By Kevin Sabet

Just last year, Gov. Cuomo stood on the side of public health when he stated he was against legalizing marijuana because "marijuana leads to other drugs and there's a lot of proof that that's true."

Now, in a sudden about-face, he is ignoring the state medical society and has officially called for the state legislature to legalize the drug. Given the high potency rates of today's marijuana, Cuomo's new position is dangerous for our state.

In fact, studies show marijuana users are almost three times more likely to abuse harder drugs like opioids. At a time when our nation is in the throes of an immense opioid epidemic, the governor should put our youth before political expediency.

Cuomo has made this call for legalization under the guise of social justice, but marijuana legalization is no "win" for social justice. Washington, D.C., saw public consumption and distribution arrests nearly triple after legalization and a disproportionate number of those arrests occurred among African-Americans.

In Colorado, the first to legalize, the marijuana arrest rate for African-Americans was nearly double that of Caucasians in 2017. And African-American arrest rates have not slowed. To make matters worse, pot shops in the state are overwhelmingly located in the areas the industry deems as its profit centers: low income and minority communities.

Let's be clear: Legalization is not about social justice; it is about profits for a few wealthy people. That is why Altria, the Big Tobacco giant, is now trying to take over the pot business.

And pot won't bring promised revenues either: A recent Colorado study found that for every dollar raised in revenue, $4.50 must be spent to mitigate the negative impacts brought on by legalization. All the while, legalized states have seen rates of stoned driving deaths double.

Ironically, on the same day the governor announced that he supports legalization, the benchmark survey on youth drug use found that use among 10th graders has risen 10% over the last two years and vaping of the drug is up significantly among our young people.

This increase is a result of influential leaders such as Cuomo sending the message to kids that marijuana use is safe.

In reality, today's highly potent pot is harmful and severely impacts the ability of young people to learn, impairs memory, increases the risk of serious mental illness, and can even lead to a loss of IQ points. It makes our state less competitive and puts workers at risk due to workplace accidents.

The primary is over. Cuomo should return to his previous position - which was consistent with the science - and put the youth of our state ahead of short-term political points.

Sabet was a drug policy advisor in the Obama administration. He is the President and CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). SAM-NY is the New York Affiliate.

About SAM New York

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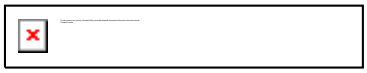

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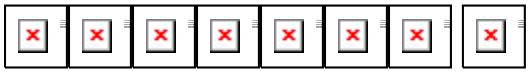

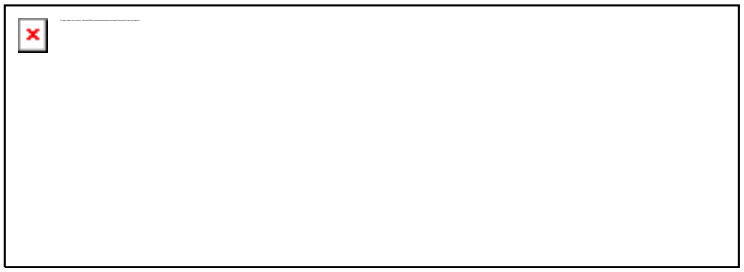

Public Health's Biggest Victories Over Big Pot in 2018

Public health and safety advocates, including Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action (SAM Action) and its state affiliates, are celebrating a year of victories against the growing marijuana industry as multiple marijuana legalization bills failed from coast-to-coast.

(1) NORTH DAKOTA GAVE THE INDUSTRY THE BOOT - RESOUNDINGLY

Healthy and Productive North Dakota, SAM Action's affiliate in the Peace Garden State, and other supporters, worked hard and defeated Measure 3 by the second-highest margin in the recent history of such ballot measures. This proposition would have created one of the worst recreational marijuana laws in the country.

The truly grassroots, volunteer coalition there stopped Big Marijuana from taking root.

(2) GARDEN STATE POT WOES: "FIRST 100 DAYS"? I DON'T THINK SO...

After promising to legalize pot within 100 days of taking office in 2017, New Jersey will enter 2019 with no recreational marijuana market, thanks to the hard work of parents and advocates across the state. SAM Action, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP), and partners have successfully worked to slow down the effort. Murphy and company simply do not have the votes to legalize pot in the Garden State.

(3) ILLINOIS PRO-POT POLITICIANS DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE

In Illinois, Healthy and Productive Illinois (HPIL) worked diligently in conjunction with local leaders, including students from Adlai Stephenson High School, to defeat a bill that would have put the question of marijuana commercialization on the ballot.

In April, HPIL, SAM, and Stephenson High School Students held a press conference highlighting a cost report that found marijuana legalization would cost the state of Illinois upwards of $670 million, far outweighing prospective tax revenues. After this, pro-pot politicians lost traction on their plan and the session ended with no legalization.

(4) VERMONT SAID "NOT SO FAST"

In Vermont, several legislators attempted a "Hail Mary" by trying to quickly move a bill to legalize retail sales late in the session. SAM Vermont stepped in and brought about a victory for public health as the bill was overwhelmingly voted down in the House of Representatives.

(5) POT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN IN DELAWARE

In June, the Delaware House of Representatives shot down a bill seeking to legalize marijuana in the First State. By a vote of 21-15, state lawmakers deflated the hopes of Big Marijuana at expanding into the state and stood strong in support of public health and safety..

Governor John Carney repeatedly stated that he was opposed to legalization and a large coalition of police groups, doctors, hospitals, and several of the state's largest employers led by Keep Delaware Healthy and Safe, a SAM Affiliate, and AAA-Mid-Atlantic, rose to the occasion to defeat this reckless proposal.

(6) GRANITE STATE STANDS STRONG

In New Hampshire, the House voted to send a bill - which would have allowed possession of three quarters of an ounce and three plants - back to a study committee, which killed the bill for the remainder of the year. New Futures, a SAM partner, worked diligently within the state to urge legislators to heed the lessons of other states that made the mistake of legalizing marijuana.

(7) BIG POT'S BIG POCKETS COULDN'T AFFORD CONNECTICUT

Earlier in April, pro-pot advocates were ready to declare victory in Connecticut as a bill to legalize marijuana was passed out of committee. Fortunately, state lawmakers sided with science and health officials over the pot industry and refused to bring the bill to a vote in either chamber before the session expired. Earlier in the year, the Connecticut chapter of SAM (CT-SAM) released a comprehensive cost study finding that marijuana legalization would cost the state $216 million, well exceeding the projected revenue of $113 million.

(8) RHODE ISLAND AFFILIATE ANNUALLY SMACKS DOWN POT EXPANSION

In Rhode Island, our partners have been extremely successful in fighting back Big Marijuana's attempts to expand into the state. Their tireless efforts have resulted in legalization bills being defeated in the legislature every year for the last seven years.

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.

"While the pot industry wants folks to believe that commercialization and legalization is inevitable, the results we have seen in these states challenge that assertion," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of SAM. "The wins in these states call for celebration, but we know Big Marijuana won't give up easily - they have too much money on the line. We won't ever give up either - we have the future of our country on the line."

AND FOR GOOD MEASURE...

We're not giving up on states like Michigan, where pro-pot interests panicked and poured millions of dollars in at the last minute. In fact, thanks to our inner-city outreach, we outperformed in Detroit and SAM Action's partner, Healthy and Productive Michigan (HPMI), remains the state voice standing up against the industry. HPMI is now organizing local community "opt-outs" to reject pot shops.

Speaking of opt-outs, Massachusetts should also be mentioned: More than two years after voting in favor of pot, only a small handful of communities have shops up and running. A major opt-out effort has been successful throughout the state, with communities such as Concord, Burlington, Foxboro, and all of Cape Cod opting out of marijuana establishments.

Our efforts in California in helping local communities push back against the industry continue, also. Parents and educators across the state weighed in and kept

marijuana out of school nurse office when the marijuana industry wanted it. The League of California Cities is leading efforts to maintain control as Big Pot tries to roll back regulations that prevent billboards and marijuana delivery services. Additionally, 85% of cities and towns in the state have opted out of commercialization.

This last year was one public health advocates can look back on with pride.

Advocates across the country all came together to push back on Big Marijuana's attempts to further their addiction-for-profit scheme and together, we notched resounding victories. That said, we cannot rest on our laurels just yet. The industry will be back next year and will be looking for revenge. Let's keep working together to keep our nation healthy.

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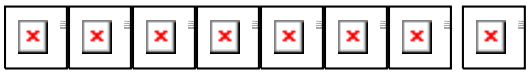

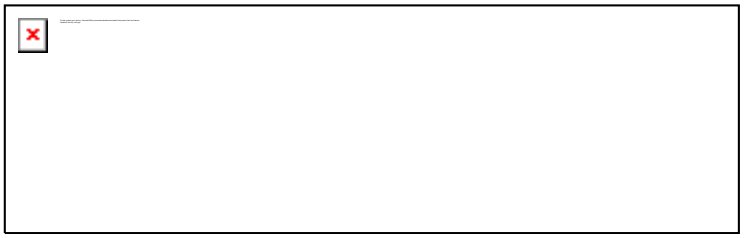

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Altria Invests in Vaping Giant, Juul, a Week After Doing the Same in Cronos, a Marijuana Cultivator

(Alexandria, VA) - It's official. Big Tobacco is continuing its efforts to monopolize the marijuana industry. Today, Altria, one of the world's largest producers and marketers of tobacco products, announced it is investing $12.8 billion in vaping giant, Juul, a company that controls 68% of the e-cigarette market.

Here is why this is a big deal:

The move comes just a week after the Marlboro maker announced it is pumping $1.8 billion in Canadian marijuana grower, Cronos. It is also coming a week after we learned that pot vaping has risen significantly, up more than 50% among all age groups.

Juul has and continues to take heat for how its products are appealing to and getting into the hands of minors. The company is even the subject of a class action lawsuit alleging its marketing specifically targets minors. Sound familiar? Big Marijuana and its predecessor, Big Tobacco, are pros at targeting children.

"Big Tobacco is officially going all in with the marijuana industry now," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "The men in suits who once told America that nicotine is not addictive are now doing the same with marijuana, and laughing all the way to the bank. Big Tobacco's involvement caused deaths from tobacco to skyrocket. With those same characters now cornering the pot industry, we can expect to see this addiction-for-profit industry become even more nefarious."

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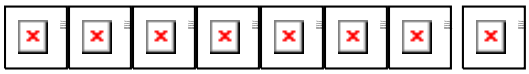

Dear friend,

What a year it has been. 2018 marked a time when public health and safety advocates from around the country came together to push back against Big Marijuana's attempts to further their addiction-for-profit scheme. We stopped them in eight states. We stopped them in Congress. We stopped them in the Executive branch.

I'll touch more upon these victories in a bit, but first, I'd like to point out a sobering fact:

From the day SAM was founded, we have been saying that **Big Marijuana will evolve into another public health crisis like Big Tobacco**. Folks laughed it away, assured that the marijuana industry would be "responsible" and that we'd "finally get regulation right." Big Tobacco and Big Pharma would never get involved, they said.

Well, they aren't laughing now. In fact, a Forbes article published just this month admitted a painful truth, highlighting Altria's enormous investment into Cronos (a giant marijuana cultivator in Canada):

> ***"Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)'s legalization opponent Kevin Sabet may be right: like it or not Big Tobacco is invading cannabis."***

We wish we weren't right. But we were. And it gets worse.

It was just recently announced that Altria is now also moving to own a minor stake in JUUL, the main culprit behind today's epidemic of youth vaping.

But we won't ever back down. In 2019, we will continue to expose the marriage of Big Marijuana and Big Tobacco. We will stop Big Pot's entry into the US financial system, and we will continue with our hard-fought legislative work.

We'll build off our 2018 victories when we took on Big Pot all across the country last year, both at the ballot box and in various state legislatures. For those who insist pot legalization had a good year, we remind them that our partners defeated legalization by the second largest margin in history in North Dakota and we struck down legalization bills in Illinois, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. On the federal level, this year marked a time when SAM was able to flood the offices of key lawmakers with phone calls and other grassroots action from supporters like you -- and in the end, 34 pro-pot amendments were blocked in the House Rules Committee alone.

Speaking of amendments, Colorado Senator and pot industry darling Cory Gardner attempted to use the First Step act - a comprehensive, bi-partisan criminal justice reform bill - as a vehicle to federally legalize marijuana by attaching his STATES Act bill as an amendment. SAM sent a letter condemning the move to Senate Leadership and thankfully, Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley shot down Gardner's attempt at "back-door legalization" and stripped the amendment from the bill.

While this year was certainly one for the books, the new year always brings with it new challenges. The fight in New Jersey is far from over and the fight in new states is just beginning.

We plan to take on Big Marijuana where ever it rears its head, but we are already putting the infrastructure in place to defend health and safety in Connecticut, New York, and Illinois, places where governors have pledged to push for legalization in the next year.

As we set down to plan our operations, you play an important and critical role. None of the aforementioned successes would have been possible without your generous support and we will not be able to add to our wins next year without your continued support.

That said, please consider helping us budget for the upcoming year with a donation by clicking here. If you can, please consider giving $1,000, $500, $250, or even $100 to help defeat Big Marijuana in 2019.

We have proven we know how to win, now it is up to you to help us do it again.

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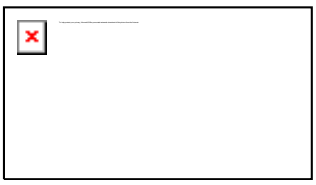

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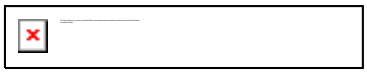

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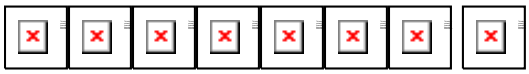
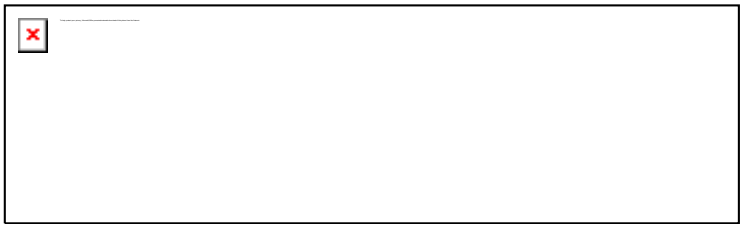




JANUARY THEME:
RESOLUTION MONTH!

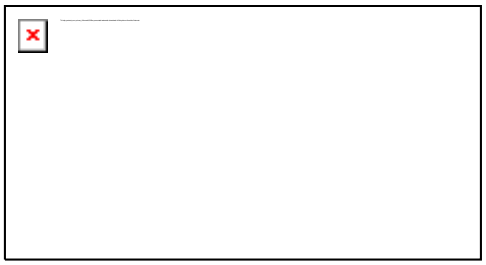
It's a brand new year! This month, we are calling on you to reject Big Marijuana and resolve to educate others of its harms.

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

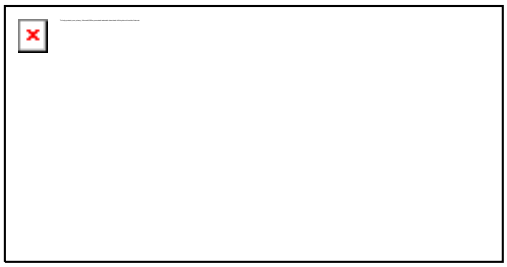
Some one-liners to share on social media:

- Big Marijuana continues its profits-over-people business model to hook new users from the young to the elderly. For example, The National Survey on Drug Use and Health found monthly marijuana use for those 12 and older is up 42% in Nevada while the same study found more and more older Americans are using marijuana than ever before.
- Education is the best line of defense- Knowing the facts about marijuana and its harms will shield people from addiction.
- Addiction is real and treatable- Cannabis Use Disorder is linked to psychotic and depressive symptoms, but the National Institutes of Health has several options to kick the habit.
- The Marlboro Man is investing in marijuana vaping- Altria is spending big bucks to grab a piece of Big Marijuana, investing 1.8 billion dollars in Canadian marijuana company Cronos Group, and there's word the e-cigarette company Juul could be next. There's good reason. According to the 2018 Monitoring the Future survey, vaping marijuana is up 63 percent for eighth and tenth graders across America.

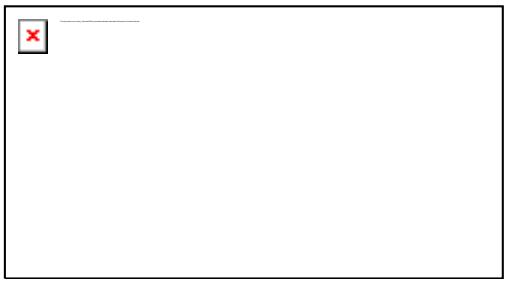
Videos to help end addiction and educate others:



Our Founder and President on SAM's Goals and Perils of Commercialized Marijuana



A Mental Health Expert on Helping to get Someone off Marijuana



A Victim of Abuse Talks Withdrawal Symptoms and Side Effects of Cannabis Use Disorder

Sample tweets:

- Marijuana addiction is real, but treatable. https://bit.ly/2Opwx3O
- Drop the pot in 2019 and show others what's wrong with commercialized weed. https://bit.ly/2xNbhvi
- Big Tobacco wants to take over Big Marijuana and has its sights on you. https://cnn.it/2jXoU3U
- Listen to the facts, not the rhetoric, when it comes to commercialized marijuana. https://bit..ly/2xToiU2

Sample Facebook post:

- Make 2019 your best year yet! If that means stopping your marijuana addiction, then start now. Kick Big Marijuana out the door by learning the

facts about recreational marijuana, not the lies from this profits-over-people industry. It's time to put your life back in your hands.

Additional information:

- National Institutes of Health: Treating Addiction
- Marijuana Legalization Quick Facts
- General Marijuana Talking Points

Sample materials/templates for media outreach:

- Corinne LaMarca-Gasper Opinion Piece in Chicago Tribune
- SAM Slams Weed For Rails Proposal: How to Handle Pro-MJ News
- Annual HHS Survey Finds Marijuana Use Higher in "Legal" States: How to Handle Study Results

2019 is here, and with the new year ahead, many people are making resolutions for the next 365 days. Make one of them educating others on the hazards of commercialized marijuana, or if you are using, make it your goal to kick the habit.

Look to the future of a world without Big Marijuana and what it brings to society, including skyrocketing drugged driving, the targeting of children and the low-income communities as well as arrest disparities.

Moreover, if you do know someone with a Cannabis Use Disorder, use this information to inform them and give them hope from the hopeless brought by Big Marijuana..

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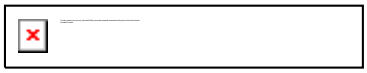

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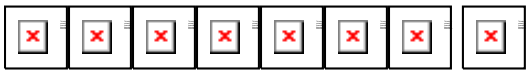

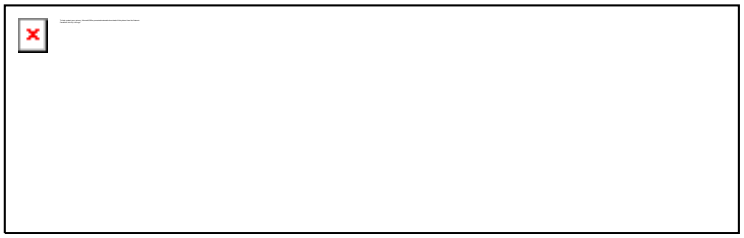

Dear friend,

This groundbreaking new book is making waves all across the country, exposing the marijuana industry's lies for what they are- a smokescreen to help them maximize profits. For more background, please read the author's (Alex Berenson) recent op-eds in the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*.

"As Americans consider making marijuana a legal drug, it would be wise to remember the choices that fueled the devastating opioid epidemic. Decades ago, many of the same people pressing for marijuana legalization argued that the risks of opioid addiction could be easily managed.

A half-million deaths later, we have learned how wrong they were."

Read: What Advocates of Legalizing Pot Don't Want You to Know
New York Times - Alex Berenson

"Yet 20 years ago, the U.S. moved to encourage wider use of cannabis and opiates. In both cases, we decided we could outsmart these drugs- enjoying their benefits without their costs. And in both cases, we were wrong. Opiates are riskier than cannabis, and the overdose deaths they cause are a more imminent crisis, so public and government attention

have focused on them. Soon, the mental illness and violence that follow cannabis use also may be too widespread to ignore."

Read: Marijuana is More Dangerous Than You Think
Wall Street Journal - Alex Berenson

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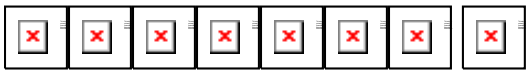

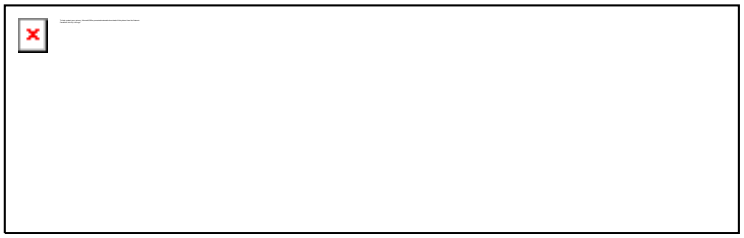

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Governor Phil Murphy Renews Call to Legalize Marijuana; SAM and NJ-RAMP Vows Continued Pushback

(Trenton, NJ) - Today, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy renewed his call to legalize marijuana in the Garden State. In response, Dr. Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to MarijuanaÂ (SAM) issued the following statement:

"Last year, Governor Murphy promised to sign marijuana legalization into law within his first one hundred days in office. Today, we are one year into his administration and thanks to the efforts of SAM, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (NJ-RAMP), and a

host of other public health and safety groups, the governor has failed to make good on that promise.

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According to a poll from Fairleigh Dickinson University, the majority of New Jerseyans oppose the legalization of marijuana when given the choice between all options of marijuana policy. 53% of residents either want marijuana to remain illegal or be decriminalized while only 42% favor outright legalization.

"Governor Murphy has pushed for legalization based on two false premises: it will be a win for social justice and it will help solve the state's budget shortfall. As we have seen in the handful of states that have legalized marijuana, social justice victories fail to materialize as the marijuana industry disproportionally targets low income and minority locations as its profit centers and arrest disparities continue. Moreover, the legal market fuels a thriving black market that then undercuts the promised tax revenue. No matter how you chose to slice it, states simply cannot regulate this industry.

"SAM and NJ-RAMP will continue working with influential leaders in New Jersey to push back against Governor Murphy's reckless pro-pot agenda and strive to keep the Garden State from going to pot."

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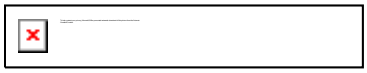

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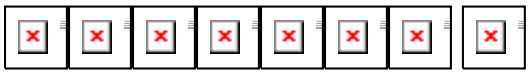

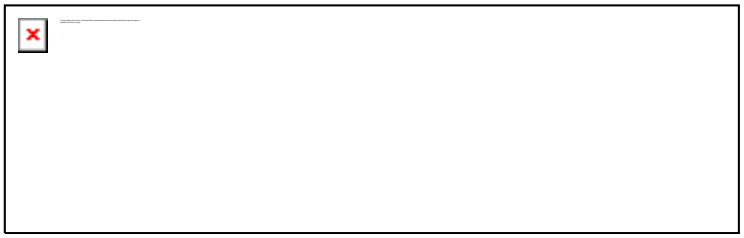

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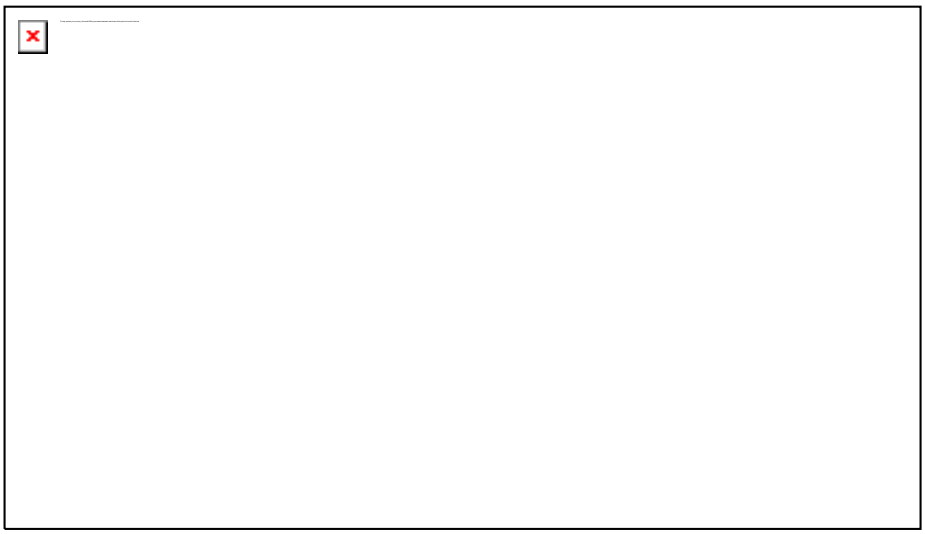
SAM Unveils New Resource: Marijuana Industry Donation Tracker

New SAM intiative exposes recipients of marijuana industry money in Congress

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), the leading non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to opposing marijuana legalization and holding Big Marijuana accountable, is proud to announce the unveiling of our new initiative, "The Money Trail: Where Big Pot Meets Big Politics," that tracks marijuana industry donations to elected officials at the federal level.

This initiative seeks to expose elected officials who pocket money from the marijuana industry and then support policies that would benefit the industry. This blatant conflict of interest must be exposed, and we are proud to roll out this resource free of charge.



The top five recipients of marijuana industry money in Congress are:

Representative Earl Blumenauer - Oregon 3rd- $33,176
Representative Dina Titus - Nevada 1st- $19,350
Representative Barbara Lee - California 13th- $18,604
Representative Ed Perlmutter - Colorado 7th- $16,858
Representative Tom McClintock - California 4th- $12,350

"These elected officials have decided to put the addiction-for-profit interests of Big Pot over the interest of public health and safety," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of SAM. "We at SAM have been actively following the flow of money from the industry to elected officials and now the public can see if their member of Congress has been bought and paid for by Big Marijuana and its Big Tobacco investors."

Of note, numerous members who were showered in cash from the industry lost their seat in the most recent midterm election including Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California and Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida. Former Congressman Rohrabacher raked in over $92,000 from

the industry before losing his seat while Curbelo took in more than $83,000. This is unsurprising as, according to a recent IPSOS poll, 44% of Americans are less likely to support elected officials who take money from the marijuana industry.

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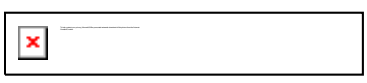

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Alex Berenson

To Speak at 2019 SAM Summit

April 25, 2019

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In what will most certainly be the event of the summer, award winning author and former *New York Times* journalist Alex Berenson will sit down with SAM president Dr. Kevin Sabet to discuss his new, groundbreaking book "*Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*. Berenson's work prompted an unprecedented cover article by Malcolm Gladwell in *The New Yorker* and *Mother Jones*

Alex's book, published just weeks ago and already in its third print, has turned the pot industry upside down. Marijuana apologists have been working overtime to debunk Alex's meticulously researched book.

While Berenson can offer an in-depth look at his research, featured keynote speaker former US Attorney Bob Troyer will present an eyewitness account of how marijuana commercialization has negatively impacted the state of Colorado. Make sure you check out his September 2018 op-ed "It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization."

This year's summit will once again be taking place in conjunction with the Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

Registration Rates:

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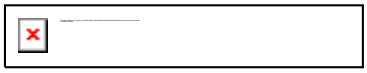

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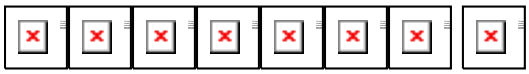

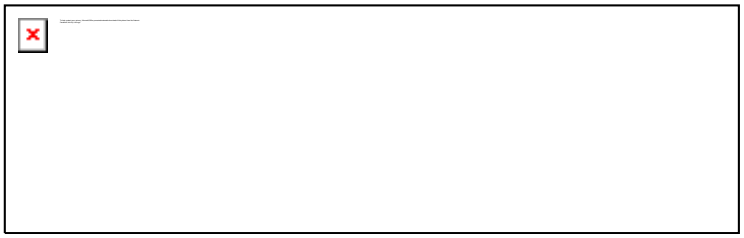

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BREAKING: Oregon Utterly Fails to Regulate the Marijuana Market; SAM Calls for Moratorium on Sales

(Alexandria, VA) - Today, an audit conducted by the Oregon Secretary of State **found** that the recreational marijuana market has failed to stay up to date on mandated inspections, its testing system continues to allow exposure to harmful contaminants, and regulators of the industry have done next to nothing to stop legal marijuana from fueling the black market.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), an organization founded by former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, is calling for an immediate

moratorium on "legal" marijuana sales, an independent commission to examine the problems with the "legal" market, a Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation on the shortcomings in Oregon, and the possible appointment of a special master by the federal government.

This remarkable **report** found that only 3% of Oregon's retail stores and only a third of its growers have been inspected for shortcomings, like molds, metals, and bacteria. In a remarkable statement for a legal-state government entity, the state admitted: "Oregon's marijuana testing program cannot ensure that test results are reliable, and products are safe."

"This earth-shattering **report** makes one thing clear: states cannot regulate the marijuana industry. Earlier this month, it was reported that Oregon was seriously considering **exporting pot** grown within its borders to other "legal" states. Now it comes to light that the problem is worse than we thought," said SAM President and CEO, former Obama advisor, Dr. Kevin Sabet. "It is painfully evident that the state is not just failing to hold the industry accountable, they aren't even trying."

In response to this report, SAM is officially calling for the following:

- An immediate moratorium on marijuana sales in the state of Oregon.
- An audit of state inspection facilities
- An independent state commission to examine problems
- DOJ and/or special master intervention to ensure the state secures public health

SAM is also actively looking into various legal channels to put an end to this clear public health crisis since the state is dramatically failing to do so. In addition, today SAM will formally request a meeting with Governor Katie Brown.

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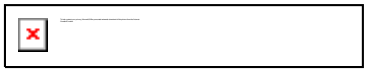

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Dear Supporter:

The bill to legalize commercial marijuana in New Jersey is imminent could come for a vote next Monday, December 17, which is one of the last legislative days of the year. As we recently saw, the pot pushers in the legislature are willing to go to any length to ram this bill through, so now is the time to make your voices heard.

WE MUST TAKE ACTION.

There are multiple lawmakers that are still on the fence and they need to hear from you that legalizing marijuana in New Jersey would be disastrous.

Follow the steps below to make sure your voice is heard above smokescreen from the marijuana industry.

Step 1: **CALL these MUST-WIN offices** and drive home the points listed below:

Senator Nia Gill: (973) 509-0388
Senator Nellie Pou: (973) 247-1555
Senator Paul Sarlo: (201) 804-8118
Senator Brian Stack: (201) 721-5263
Senator Dawn Addiego - (609) 654-1498
Senator Declan O'Scanlon - (732) 444-1838
Senator Linda Greenstein - (609) 395-9911
Senator Joe Vitale - (732) 855-7441
Senator Joe Cryan - (908) 624-0880

- **Do NOT legalize pot in New Jersey**. The bill under consideration is a disaster: it would allow for 99% THC pot edibles, candies, dabs, "consumption rooms," delivery services, and Big Pot - hurting families, kids, communities, drivers, and businesses

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DON'T LET NEW JERSEY GO TO POT

Dear friend,

This is not a drill.

The day we have been anxiously awaiting for is upon us. On Monday, November 26th, the New Jersey State Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Assembly Appropriations Committee to hold a hearing on the bill to legalize recreational marijuana in the state.

It is absolutely imperative that any and everyone who is able to speak out against this potentially disastrous bill comes to this hearing, being held at 9:00 AM, Monday, November 26th, and engages these members on why legalizing marijuana is a terrible decision.

This could be our last opportunity to educate these committees on why bringing such a reckless proposal to New Jersey is not in the best interest of the Garden State.

This hearing is, for all intents and purposes, what is known as a "fast track" hearing as the bill could be voted out of committee and then be voted on for final passage by both houses of the legislature the same day.

This is not a call to lobby! It is a chance to educate and engage those members of the Senate who will vote on this issue. If you can make it to the hearing, please sign in on the sign-up sheet to be able to speak your opposition.

Thank you for all that you have done to protect our state and the future of our youth.

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Step 2: **CALL these supporters** and ask them to call these four offices. Go to **www.NJ-RAMP.org/calls** to find the list of people and phone numbers you need call!
Tell them:

- **Do NOT legalize pot in New Jersey**. The bill under consideration is a disaster: it would allow for 99% THC pot edibles, candies, dabs, "consumption rooms," delivery services, and Big Pot - hurting families, kids, communities, drivers, and businesses.
- **In states that have already legalized** the drug, there has been an increase in drugged driving crashes and youth marijuana use.
- **Since Colorado legalized marijuana**, first time youth pot use by youth is now #1 in the nation and more than 50% higher than the national average.

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Dear NJ-RAMP Advocate,

We need you, now! We are quickly approaching a crucial situation with regard to the legislation to legalize marijuana in New Jersey. The legislature will return in September and this will be the major issue on the docket as Senate leadership hope to have a bill ready for the Governor to sign by late October.

As the only group united in the fight against legalized marijuana in the state, NJ-RAMP will continue to lead this opposition effort with the support of all of our advocacy partners such as you!

To do so, we must be focused on the following goals:

- Educate members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the dangers of moving such legislation and negative impact it will have on NJ communities through one-on-one meetings
  - Use NJ-RAMP spokespeople to impact legislative decisions through op-eds, testimony at hearings, public events, etc.
  - Rally our grassroots in opposition to legalized marijuana through targeted media ads, events and other communications platforms

Toward this end we will be developing a number of outreach initiatives that we will need your support on in the coming weeks. **The first event, that can help turn the tide, is a Council meeting in Linden on August 21 where Councilman Peter Brown will attempt to pass a law to ban dispensaries in Linden. This would provide a high profile rebuke to Sen. Scutari's bill as this is his district.**

We ask any NJ-RAMP advocate that can make it to join us that night and to provide testimony at the hearing. **We need as many people as we can get to make this event successful**.

In the weeks to come we will also look to stage our own events, such as a potential Back to School Rally at the Statehouse with all coalition partners; press conference on day of hearing with bipartisan group of lawmakers; having advocates speak at all Senate hearings; press events with religious leaders and support of local coalition events.

Whether it be a letter or phone call to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, letters to the Governor, Senate President and Assembly Speaker, letters to the editor and other outreach endeavors, your help will be vital to our efforts to defeat the legislation.

We will continue to furnish you with information on how you can assist our efforts. I

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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

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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
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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. Or visit **http://nj-ramp.org/action**.

Thank you for your help. Together, we can stop Big Marijuana from profiting at the expense of our communities and families.

Sincerely,

Stephen Reid
Executive Director, NJ-RAMP

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July 17, 2018

Dear Colleague,

As Mayor of Point Pleasant Beach, our town was the first New Jersey municipality to pass an ordinance banning marijuana sales in our community. I am pleased to report that many other municipalities have followed, from Bergen County to Cape May.

With the Legislature considering a new bill to legalize marijuana in the coming months, it is important that local officials take action now to protect their communities and families from a new "Big Tobacco" type industry that seeks to profit at the expense of the health and safety of our our residents.

Make no mistake, marijuana legalization brings a multitude of public health concerns, including increased youth drug use, increased motor vehicle accidents and higher numbers of minority arrests. And with the Garden State in the grips of an opioid crisis, we cannot forget that the CDC has found that marijuana users are nearly three times more likely to be addicted to heroin.

Looking at what's happening in other states, New Jersey elected officials should be very alarmed. In Washington State and Colorado, where marijuana has been legal for five years, pot use has increased, particularly among children. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), Colorado is now the top state in the country for first time users of marijuana in youth and adults.

Local officials also need to be concerned with the impact of increased marijuana use on the roads. Pot-related car crashes continue to skyrocket in the era of legalization and widespread commercialization of marijuana. In Colorado, marijuana-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes have more than doubled since 2013, the year after the state voted to legalize recreational use of the drug, according to an analysis by the Denver Post. That same study also found that Colorado saw a 40 percent increase in the number of all drivers involved in fatal crashes between 2013 and 2016, and a 145 percent increase in the number of marijuana-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes in the same period.

Additionally, we've seen significant proof that marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice we have been promised. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined. According to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, in the two years after Colorado legalized marijuana, the number of Hispanic and black kids arrested for marijuana-related offenses rose 29 and 58 percent, respectively.

In the same period, the number of white kids being arrested for identical crimes dropped eight percent.

Some say that legalizing and taxing the drug will result in increased budget revenues

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Earlier this year, the main sponsor of a bill to legalize marijuana in New Jersey, Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, said, "If people are educated on the facts, I believe we'll win them over."

I disagree. Facts are not his friend. It's the peeling back of the facts that has slowed momentum on legalization efforts. The loss of momentum was spelled out in the story Legal weed in N.J.: Not so fast by my Gannett NJ colleague James Nash.

In Gov. Phil Murphy's first budget address, he had included $80 million in projected tax revenues from legalized pot - $20 million for medicinal marijuana and $60 million from recreational weed. The budget signed into law recently by Murphy didn't include even a nickel bag's worth of revenue for recreational pot. Both Scutari and Senate President Steve Sweeney had hoped to get a legalization bill on Murphy's desk prior to passage of the budget.

Scutari said it was likely a bill would be passed this summer, but acknowledged that a consensus had yet to be reached on several key issues, including the number of pot retailers and marijuana manufacturers that would be authorized, which agency would be responsible for enforcing marijuana laws and whether prior marijuana convictions would automatically be expunged from criminal records.

Those are far from the only hurdles the pro-pot lobby faces.

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NJ Legislature to Consider new Marijuana Bill this Summer

With the state Legislature failing to consider recreational marijuana legalization in time for the new Fiscal Year, legislators are now saying they will hold hearings this summer to consider a new marijuana bill.

According to the **Star-Ledger**, **Senator Nick Scutari**, prime sponsor and advocate for legalization, said he will look to get a bill passed over the next several months that combines the legalization of recreational marijuana with the expansion of with the state's medical marijuana. Additionally, the latest budget plan from state legislative leaders earmarks **$49 million** from recreational marijuana tax revenues starting in January, 2019.

Over the next several months, **NJ-RAMP** will continue meeting with elected officials throughout the state to educate them on the negative consequ ences of legalizing recreational pot and allowing a Big Marijuana industry to profit at the expense of New Jersey's families. To contact your legislator, click **here**.

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Time to push back on NJ's plan for legal weed

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NJ Legislature Passes FY19 Budget without Recreational Marijuana Revenues

With the fiscal year deadline rapidly approaching, the New Jersey Legislature on Thursday night passed a $36.5 Billion budget and related bills that now head to Governor Murphy's desk. One high priority item of the Governor's that was missing from the lawmakers' budget -- **revenue from the legalization of recreational marijuana**.

Since legislative leaders are unable to secure the votes needed to legalize recreational marijuana, the State cannot count on tax revenues from marijuana sales for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget..

New legislation sponsored by Senator Nick Scutari to legalize recreational marijuana and expand access to medical marijuana has been described as DOA by **The Star-Ledger** for the fiscal year. And while lawmakers are expected to pass a bill expanding access to medical marijuana, they have not reached a consensus on recreational marijuana.

Governor Murphy is expected to veto the Legislature's budget over the next few days, and it remains unknown whether lawmakers will attempt to override his veto. **NJ-RAMP** will continue meeting with legislators over the summer to inform them of the consequences of legalizing--and commercializing--recreational marijuana.

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State mustn't let fiscal need outrun science on marijuana

State officials have to produce a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 by the end of this month, and there are signs their desperation for marijuana revenue might lead them to take hasty and unreasonable risks with public health in New Jersey.

Last week, Democrats introduced a bill in the state Senate to legalize the use of marijuana for pleasure. Leading sponsor Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, reportedly is working to tie its passage to expansion of medical marijuana and rush both bills through the Legislature in three weeks.

This is a terrible idea for the very reason Democratic leaders wish to do it - to use the widespread support and basis for medical use of marijuana to obscure the dangers and uncertainties of full legalization and massive use of the drug.

If the two are tied together, they shouldn't be approved. Medical marijuana already is approved for pain or anxiety, so it isn't difficult for doctors to prescribe it. Medical marijuana will only get more effective with proper research - identifying which cannabinoids are effective for each condition, optimizing treatments through lab tests and clinical trials, and eventually getting FDA approval for their medical use.

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This Is No Time to Go to Pot

Legalizing marijuana encourages use of harder drugs and sets back the cause of social justice.

By Patrick Kennedy and Kevin Sabet

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Sens. Cory Gardner and Elizabeth Warren have introduced a bill to legalize marijuana at the federal level in the name of "states' rights." In reality, it would give birth to Big Tobacco's successor.

This dangerous proposal would allow the marijuana industry to market high-potency pot candies, gummies and 99% pure extracts (compare that with 5% potent Woodstock weed). With 70% of today's illicit drug users having started with marijuana, not prescription drugs, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, this is exactly the wrong time to legalize pot.

Public-health data from states that have legalized strongly indicate that it is a failed experiment, resulting in more fatalities from driving while stoned, more emergency-room visits and poison-control calls, and more worker accidents and absenteeism.

The Gardner-Warren bill would enable the rapid expansion of businesses that grow, market and distribute high-potency pot products in kid-friendly forms, like candies, gummies and sodas. Marijuana is not a harmless drug, nor is the pot industry made up of responsible corporate citizens. Researchers in Colorado called 400 marijuana dispensaries, pretending to be 8 weeks pregnant and experiencing nausea. Seventy percent of the stores recommended THC products, ignoring the risks of marijuana use during pregnancy. States that have legalized, like Colorado, California and Oregon, grow many times the amount of marijuana they can consume. The excess ends up shipped all over the country.

Congress should not reward Big Marijuana for following the playbook of Big Tobacco. Rather, lawmakers should take a closer look at the public-health outcomes, especially the effect on young people. In a survey last year funded by the National Institutes of Health, 15% of 12th-graders said they would try marijuana if it were legal, and 10% said they would use it more often. The prevalence of annual marijuana use among students in the eighth, 10th and 12th grades rose last year to 24%.

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Yes, You Can Become Addicted to Marijuana. And the Problem is Growing. | The Pew Charitable Trusts

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. - For as long as most residents can remember, smoking marijuana has been a part of life here. The fact that California legalized the practice in January went practically unnoticed in this quiet town a half-hour's drive north of San Francisco, where some claim the normalization of America's marijuana culture got its start.

For Quintin Pohl and countless teenagers before him, smoking pot was a rite of passage. It was a diversion from the loneliness he felt at home when his parents were splitting up and a salve for middle-school angst. It was his entire social life in seventh and eighth grades, when social life is everything.

Even though nearly all his friends were using marijuana and seeming to enjoy it, Pohl said, at some point his marijuana use took a turn he never saw coming: He became addicted.

Many people are unaware of marijuana addiction. But in the public health and medical communities, it is a well-defined disorder that includes physical withdrawal symptoms, cravings and psychological dependence. Many say it is on the rise, perhaps because of the increasing potency of genetically engineered plants and the use of concentrated products, or because more marijuana users are partaking multiple times a day.

"There should be no controversy about the existence of marijuana addiction," said Dr. David Smith, who has been treating addiction since the 1960s when he opened a free clinic in San Francisco's drug-drenched Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. "We see it every day. The controversy should be why it appears to be affecting more people."

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NJ-RAMP WEEKLY UPDATE

New Study Finds One in Four 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana If Legalized

More 12th graders than ever admitted they would use marijuana if it were legal, according to new numbers from the largest drug use survey in the United States. 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.

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The survey reported "a greater proportion of youth than ever predicted they would use marijuana if it were legally available. Historic highs over the 43 years of the study were reached in the percentage of 12th grade students who reported that they would try marijuana if it were legal (15.2%), as well as users who reported that they would use it more often than their current level of use (10.1%). The percentage who reported they would not use marijuana even if it were legal significantly declined to less than 50% for the first time ever over the 43-year life of the study (specifically, to 46.5%)."

Overall, the rate of 12th graders saying they would not use marijuana if it were legalized fell 30% in the last ten years. Additionally, the rate of 12th graders who said they would use more marijuana if it were legal increased by almost 100% in the past decade. These changes are also significant when comparing rates from 2016. Marijua na sales are now allowed in eight states and D.C.

"These findings fly in the face of the Big Marijuana argument that somehow fewer young people will use marijuana if it is legalized," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "The data is clear. As more states move to commercialize, legalize, and normalize marijuana - more young people are going to use today's super-strength drug."

The survey reported that "it is likely that the growing number of states that have legalized recreational marijuana use for adults plays a role in the increasing tolerance of marijuana use among 12th grade students, who may interpret increasing legalization as a sign that marijuana use is safe and state-sanctioned."

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From Today's Asbury Park Press:
Weed stories a bad trip: Bergmann

Millions of visitors flock to Colorado each year for legal weed, launching a niche marijuana tourism industry. At Colorado Cannabis Tours, guests ride a party bus and smoke marijuana to their heart's delight. Doug Hood

From the time legalizing marijuana in New Jersey first came across my radar, I had my reservations. It struck me as a bad idea.

After reading our stories this week in "High Hopes: Legal weed lessons from Colorado, California," I'm convinced it's more than a bad idea. It's a terrible idea. It would be irresponsible for Gov. Phil Murphy to move ahead with plans to legalize it in New Jersey by Jan. 1.

The "High Hopes" stories, written by APP staff writer Mike Davis and Record reporter James Nash, chronicle their travels to two of the states that have been pioneers for legal recreational weed. The stories raised so many red flags it's hard to know where to start.

I'll begin by addressing the two reasons most commonly given by Murphy and the legion of weedheads for legalizing pot in New Jersey: It will end the racial disparity in arrests for marijuana possession and the wasted time prosecuting and incarcerating people for inconsequential offenses; and it will be a boon to the economy.

The reporting showed it is far from an economic bonanza in either state. It also has done little to reduce the ratio of arrests of whites to minorities. As I have argued before, you don't need to legalize marijuana to address that problem.

Decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana can accomplish the same thing without the need to build out the infrastructure, create a new government bureaucracy and bolster law enforcement's capacity to deal with legalization.

Beyond that, the reporting raised several other red flags. To cite just a few:

* Both states have struggled to enforce regulations at dispensaries. California has 12 field agents to ensure compliance at 700 legal dispensaries with regulations on security, hours of operation and the sizes and types of marijuana edibles they may sell.

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COALITION OF PARENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND EMPLOYERS TESTIFY AGAINST MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AT LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS HEARING

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Kristin Ziobro, a parent who tragically lost her son from a heart arrhythmia induced by cannabis with 28% THC, spoke out against the dangers of recreational marijuana:

"I am compelled to raise awareness of the considerable risks and implications of smoking marijuana because I don't believe the public is aware of these dangers. And I feel in my heart of hearts, if Michael knew the full implications of smoking marijuana with high levels of THC, he would be alive today.

Kevin Sabet, former drug policy adviser to President Obama and founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its New Jersey affiliate, NJ-RAMP, summarized numerous studies from academic journals that indicate the dangers of widespread marijuana use:

"Regardless of good intentions, legalization is bad policy. It will increase marijuana use (including among children), make New Jersey roads more dangerous, reduce businesses' productivity, and target communities of color. It will also not help New Jersey's budget due to the costs of implementing the program and dealing with its consequences. And, ironically, it will not reduce black marketeering or criminal activity surrounding the drug."

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LEADING MARIJUANA POLICY ORGANIZATIONS APPLAUD BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ADDRESSING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES SURROUNDING MARIJUANA

TRENTON, NJ -- Today, New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana and Smart Approaches to Marijuana officials joined Senator Ron Rice, Senator Robert Singer, legislators, and coalition members in supporting legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Both groups released this video to mark their support for the bill.

"Non-violent drug offenders - regardless of the drug - should not be saddled with criminal records that would jeopardize their recovery and reintegration into our communities," said Representative Patrick Kennedy, honorary chair of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM).

A recent Farleigh Dickinson University poll found support for legalization is slipping. That poll found only a minority of New Jersey voters supported legalization when given other options such as decriminalization.

Bishop Jethro James, President of the Newark/North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen who served on Gov. Murphy's transition team, stated, "Marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops littering the city is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined."

"This proposed legislation is the beginning of criminal justice reform," James continued. "However, any amount of marijuana is not acceptable to our community, for it will only lead to greater drug abuse and criminal activity."

"At a time when the commercial marijuana industry is putting extreme pressure on New Jersey lawmakers to legalize recreational marijuana, we applaud Senators Rice and Singer for offering this alternative and meaningfully tackling social justice reforms," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder of SAM and its partner NJ-RAMP. Dr. Sabet is a former drug policy advisor to President Obama.

Sabet noted that according to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, the number of Hispanic and African American kids arrested for marijuana-related

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Here is a brief rundown of marijuana news as well as an update on what we have been up to over the last month.

Public Health's Biggest Victories over Big Pot in 2018

Public health and safety advocates, including Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and its state affiliates, are celebrating a year of victories against the growing marijuana industry as multiple marijuana legalization bills failed from coast-to-coast.

Healthy and Productive North Dakota, SAM's affiliate, and other supporters worked to defeat Proposition 1 by the second highest margin in the recent history of such ballot measures.

NJ-RAMP and other partners in New Jersey have successfully slowed down Governor Phil Murphy's attempt to legalize marijuana in the Garden State. The Governor sought to legalize the substance in his first hundred days. A year later, he has failed to do so thanks to the dedication of supporters like you.

All told, eight states said no thank you to the marijuana industry's attempts to expand in their state either at the ballot box or in the state legislatures.

Malcom Gladwell Asks "Is Marijuana As Safe As We Think?" In *The New Yorker*

THE NEW YORKER

Best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell questioned the rush to legalize marijuana in this piece entitled "Is Marijuana As Safe As We Think?", and he made compelling points.

Gladwell questions the rush to legalize when we don't have solid data behind the effects today's highly potent marijuana has on the human brain. We know from the preponderance of data available what effects low potency marijuana can have on the human brain. Greater odds of mental illness and substance abuse, loss of IQ points, early onset of schizophrenia, and even marijuana dependence.

Additionally, Gladwell points out that:

"We're only a decade or so into the widespread recreational use of high-potency marijuana. Maybe cannabis opens the door to other drugs, but only after prolonged use. Or maybe the low-potency marijuana of years past wasn't a gateway, but today's

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We have two major events taking place today. Check out what is happening below!

NJ-RAMP and SAM Action support bi-partisan legislation addressing social justice issues surrounding marijuana, speak at State Senator Ron Rice's Press Conference

A new video supporting the legislation can be seen here!

SAM Action, and its affiliate NJ-RAMP, and have been hard at work in New Jersey, rallying many community and political leaders to the cause of not selling the state to the marijuana industry. State Senator Ron Rice has authored legislation that removes criminal penalties for low-level marijuana use and refers users to treatment. Bishop Jethro James, President of the Newark/North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen who served on Gov. Murphy's transition team, stated, "Marijuana legalization is not the step forward for social justice. In fact, it's just the opposite, as the marijuana industry routinely targets vulnerable communities as its profit centers. Just take a look at Denver, where the number of pot shops littering the city is greater than the number of McDonalds and Starbucks combined." This press conference takes place at 11:00 AM ET and SAM team members Will Jones, III and Mervyn Jones, II will be in attendance. A special video has been put together marking this announcement.

SAM releases *The Cost of Marijuana Legalization in Connecticut,* finding marijuana legalization will cost the

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