

Argument and Explanation in Opposition to Issue 2

Vote **NO** on Issue 2

Don't buy it Ohio

Issue 2 is a bad plan that puts profits over people. It legalizes an addiction-for-profit industry at the expense of our families and poses substantial risks to the public health and safety of all Ohioans, especially children and adolescents, given marijuana's high potential for abuse.

When casting your **NO** vote, remember that Issue 2:

- Is meant to make a few greedy investors rich, not to make Ohio better.
- Ensures we will be overrun with marijuana, as California and Colorado have proven.
- Recklessly exposes kids to a mind-altering substance in kid-friendly forms, such as candy and cookies.
- Promotes recreational use of a drug that causes withdrawal, distorted perceptions, respiratory damage, anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, and schizophrenia.
- Increases the likelihood that users will endanger others by driving while under the influence.
- Heightens the risk of workplace injuries and employer liability.
- Enables "home grow," which will inevitably create a cottage industry of "home growers" dealing marijuana laced with even more dangerous substances.
- Undermines and threatens the existence of our burgeoning medical marijuana program.

These, and other societal costs, far outweigh any taxable benefit, especially at a pitiful 10% tax rate. That is why hospitals, doctors, mental-health professionals, faith leaders, parents, educators, business owners, law enforcement, prosecutors, and policymakers alike strenuously oppose Issue 2.

This is simply a move to commercialize marijuana for billions in profit. It's today's version of Big Tobacco. We can't trust this industry. More time and research is needed. A better plan is needed. Let's not rush a decision that we'll later regret.

On November 7th, don't just say **NO**, vote **NO** on Issue 2.

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