

PLEASE VOTE NO!

When you vote on March 20th, a question will be on the ballot about legalizing marijuana in Illinois for 21 and older.

Colorado legalized pot in 2013.
What's happening there is tragic:



- › **66% increase** in pot-related deaths
- › **72% increase** in pot-related hospitalizations
- › **Colorado youth now rank #1** in the nation for past month use
- › **Colorado college-age adults now rank #2** in the nation for past month use
- › **8%-10% of newborns now test positive** for marijuana at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado
- › There are **491 marijuana stores in Colorado**, compared to **392 Starbucks** and **208 McDonald's**
- › **Crime rose 17%** and the Black Market is thriving

THC is what causes the "high." In the 70's, **THC levels were 2%-3%**. **THC levels in today's products are 20%-90%**.

THC potent products have caused **violent psychotic episodes, poisonings, and even death.**

Marijuana is not at all like alcohol. Smoking or eating even a small amount of marijuana will result in intoxication. Moreover, marijuana stays in your system and can affect fine motor skills for 72 hours or longer.

Nearing bankruptcy, Illinois lawmakers want marijuana to be a new source of tax dollars to make up for their years of reckless spending.

But at what cost? The money from taxing marijuana in Colorado is a mere 0.8% of their budget. But the negative consequences to families can't be measured.

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