

Good afternoon

My name is Barbara Clark, the reason I am opposing this bill is because :

I am a recovering person with a substance abuse disorder that started with marijuana (I smoked marijuana before escalating to unhealthy behaviours and craving for something more which led to a lifestyle of other drugs ,criminal behaviour, low self esteem, and the list goes on)

The effects it has on the brain

We are already in an epidemic and people are dying at a large number of overdoses, and marijuana is one of the gateways that is used by lacing it in the consumption of marijuana, sometimes without the knowledge of person consuming .

The marketing of the drug makes it enticing to children (such as gummy bears.

What is the real reason we want to legalize this drug, because we want to sell it makes it no better than a drug dealer. This is The United States of America we love our families and care about what we want them to have access to we want to protect our children . Allowing this bill does NOT protect our children nor our country.

Thank you for allowing me to share.