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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Speaker
Subject: Re: Form submission from: Contact

Dear Speaker Smith,

I would appreciate it if you would pass on one more report to the committee reviewing S.241.

Respectfully,
Kim Baker

<http://www.rmhidta.org/html/FINAL%20NSDUH%20Results-%20Jan%202016%20Release.pdf>

Youth and Adult Marijuana Use - rmhidta.org

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The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact. Latest Results for Colorado Youth and Adult Marijuana Use January 2016 ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH INTENSITY

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1) Denver's negative effects of legalizing:

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/09/15/feds-release-marijuana-stats-to-show-negative-effects-of-legalization/>

2) Rutland Herald

<http://tablet.olivesoftware.com/olive/Tablet/RutlandHerald/SharedArticle.aspx?href=RUT%202016%20F02%20F11&id=Ar00501>

3) Vermont Department of Health

http://healthvermont.gov/pubs/healthassessments/documents/HIA_marijuana_regulation_in_vermont_201601.pdf

4) Boston Globe

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2016/03/04/mass-should-not-legalize-marijuana/njYep84wtERutHNIHByu4J/story.html>

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Dear Speaker,

I have been following the impending legalization of marijuana and am very disappointed in the Senate's vote last week. As a grandmother of teenagers, I have a great concern about what the future of Vermont would hold for them if this passes through the House. There are already too many choices that will impact their future. I have forwarded the article written by an adolescent posted in the Rutland Herald recently and couldn't have expressed it any better.

My husband and I were educated, worked and have raised our children in Vermont. This wonderful state was born on the back of hard working and honest people. Now in retirement, we are still living in Vermont enjoying the fruit of our labor in the beauty of our surroundings. I fear for the possibility of an irreversible change in the beautiful landscape and integrity of our state should marijuana be legalized. NORML has infiltrated our state on their path to getting it legalized in every state across the US. Their representatives have been able to gain powerful allies in their cause with the promise of "Big Money".. My sense of following your leadership is that you are reflective and thoughtful. I urge you as the leader of the House to insure that there is an intelligent debate on legalization, taking into account all the documented science, unlike what occurred in the Senate.

I read your recent interview in Vermont Digger where you referenced the conversation that you had with your son about the availability of marijuana.

This is one of the points of my frustration... that the narrative about legalizing will cut down on the black market and the kids access to it will be controlled. The fact is, that early statistics from Colorado, indicate that the availability of marijuana to their youth has increased since legalizing and has done little to curtail the black market. To believe otherwise defies common sense. This is why I ask you to use your skills as a leader to ensure that there will be a thoughtful and reflective discussion about this.

Thank you for your time and consideration in such an important decision.

Respectfully yours,

Kim Baker (Retired RN, Arlington, Vt.)

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<http://speaker.vermont.gov/node/84/submission/187>