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Martin LaLond,

You asked me to send some notes about the marijuana legislation now before the Vermont House. I want to be sure that whatever emerges has provision for small growers and that growing hemp for cloth and rope is encouraged. I don't have suggestions for the mechanisms for bringing this about, but since you asked for my opinion, these are the features that I think the new law should have. Criminalizing small amounts of marijuana for personal use is not a good idea.

Since people are already using cannabis in Vermont, it makes a lot of sense to help them use responsibly. If we diminish the risk-taking associated with illicit use, the recreational and medicinal aspects can come to the fore.

Industrial hemp has been sidetracked by the weed scare. If marijuana is legitimized people will be able to be creative about the uses of hemp for paper, cloth, and other as-yet-undiscovered applications.

So work hard to get a good balance of concerns vs benefits.

Keep up the good communication.

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