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From: Don <<u>don@smalldog.com</u>> Subject: Cannabis legislation Date: February 5, 2016 at 11:49:32 AM GMT-5 To: Maxine Grad <<u>maxig@gmavt.net</u>>

Hi Maxine,

I know that the next step in regulating and legalizing cannabis is in the house. I want you to know that I am fully supportive of this effort and have been following both the work in the legislature and the work of the VT Cannabis Collaboration. I share their vision of how to best legalize cannabis without turning it over to big companies.

I think that the time has come to not only take cannabis out of the alleys and drug dealers hands but also to gain the economic benefits from taxes.

You know that marijuana is readily available in the state and that will never end but we can change the economics and distribution into something that is much more suitable for our state than random dealers. We have way too many other important priorities in our state than to continue to try to control marijuana through law enforcement and incarceration.

I would love to hear your thoughts on this topic. I am joining a group of business leaders in supporting this important legislation and I hope that we can count on your vote!

Best regards,

Don

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Hi Maxine & Adam

I was just reading the VR and saw the article of support for the Cannabis regulation bill, and to contact you.

We, both Mike and I DO NOT SUPPORT the passing of this bill. I feel it will be terrible for our state. I'm sure you are aware of statistics in CO, but crime has risen in CO as has the number of homeless since they passed. There's been an increase in driving while "stoned" as well.

I don't get why there's such a strong urge for VT to be "The FIRST" on matters such as this and GMO bill.

Collecting taxes to support Opiate abuse by approving/regulating another abusive substance, REALLY! Just ridiculous.

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