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Subject: RE: OB GYN opposed to Marijuana Legalization

Thank you for your letter. It is clear that you are taking a good look at this issue. I am happy for you to forward my letter to the Judiciary Committee. I have some citations for you, The Committee Opinion on legalization by the American College of OB/GYN.

The very concerning SAMSHA (Final NSDUH) data showing an increase in young people's use in Colorado after legalization, especially among 12 to 17 year olds. The impaired driving concern is very worrisome. The use is so much higher in Colorado among an already at risk group.

The "gateway theory" has been cited by Dr. David Rettew in his talk to the Vermont Medical Society. This is also a significant concern of the recovery center at Betty Ford/Hazelden.

I have 2 animal studies showing an increased sensitivity to opiates in adolescents with cannabis use. These are studies in rats, actually pretty good models of addiction. The science is pretty compelling. (Solinas, Pistis)

Hope this helps. Kim Blake