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## Marijuana Legalization For All Vermonters

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Whereas Marijuana is a plant, a self propagating part of nature that provides a renewable, sustainable and valuable agricultural product that is currently a vital engine of Vermont's rural economy and whereas the existing Marijuana legalization bill before the legislature, S.95, calls for a limited licensing scheme with harsh penalties for those many Vermonters who currently cultivate Marijuana commercially, WE BELIEVE VERMONT SHOULD END THE PROHIBITIONS OF MARIJUANA USE AND CULTIVATION.

We believe legalization of Marijuana should insure that revenue, investment capital. and labor from Marijuana remain in Vermont to the benefit of all Vermonters.

We believe Vermonters 21 and older should be free to purchase, possess and consume Marijuana and have the non-transferrable right to cultivate Marijuana on a 10ft x 10ft plot, indoors or out, subject to permission from property owner, and be free to consume, keep and gift their personal harvest.

We believe the 10' x 10' plot should form the basic building block for all licensed commercial cultivation regardless of scale. Vermonters 21 and over, who wish to cultivate Marijuana commercially, should be able to purchase licenses for more 10' x 10' plots without limit. The cost of these plots should be accessible and equal to all growers, large and small, and that these licenses allow the sale of trimmed, cured and unprocessed Marijuana buds, Marijuana seeds, Marijuana clones and Marijuana plants from the place of its cultivation, farm stands, farmers markets and state approved retail outlets.

We believe the manufacture and sale of processed Marijuana in the form of hashish, oils, tinctures and edibles should be subject to health and safety oversight by the State.

We believe the State should create a system to distribute Marijuana to licensed commercial retail outlets, with laws and regulations that treat all Vermonters equally, with no limit on the number of any license issued, and that taxes on Marijuana be collected at the retail point of sale only.

We believe the State should form a Board of elected officials to facilitate, oversee and enforce the licensing, sales and distribution of Marijuana and that testing of Marijuana, for ingredients or contaminants, should be done at the local level by State approved testing facilities.

We believe amnesty should be granted to all Vermonters convicted of Marijuana offenses during the prohibition era.

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