

From: Maxine Grad
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Neil Gerdes
Subject: Re: Marijuana reform

I understand--it's a process.

Maxine Grad, Chair
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From: Neil Gerdes <neilgerdes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:07:01 AM
To: Maxine Grad
Subject: Re: Marijuana reform

Hi

So you and others have introduced the "super decrim" bill. I don't understand why, if you agree with me that we need a regulated marketplace, why you are sponsoring this bill? Every poll I've seen state Vermonters support legalization. It also strikes me as slightly absurd that one could legalize possess something, but to supply it is still illegal.

Thanks for your time, especially since I'm not one of your constituents, though I used to be.

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From: Maxine Grad <Mgrad@leg.state.vt.us>
To: Neil Gerdes <neilgerdes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:43 PM
Subject: Re: Marijuana reform

Hello,

I agree with you. I'd be glad to chat as this unfolds.

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From: Neil Gerdes <neilgerdes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:33:50 AM
To: Maxine Grad
Subject: Marijuana reform

Hi

I recently read the following in Seven Days (Fair Game):

"Afterward, however, Grad was more specific. She hopes to consider a Washington, D.C., model, which she described as 'super decrim.' In the nation's capital, possession of up to two ounces of marijuana is legal, but sale and public consumption are not."

I wish to point out that maintaining the illegality of selling means relying on the black market. This is wrong for several reasons. It remains easier for underage people to obtain it (ask any HS kid what's easier to get: pot or booze), doesn't allow for quality control, and exposes purchasers to dealers with other "product" to sell.

Please reconsider legalization.

Thank you for your time.

Neil Gerdes
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