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Subject:

Could we for a moment, even try to think about what marijuana legalization is? Its legalizing DRUG USE!!!! For the next generation, it is allowing them to use a drug that is nothing short of a LIFE OF DRUG USE!! Hello, it is called a GATEWAY DRUG for good reason, BECAUSE IT IS! I started using pot in 8th grade. It made me lazy, affected my health, and impaired me, wherever I went, and that includes driving. In school it put me in a FOG where i could not think clearly , which is where the word DRUG COMES IN! and it has led me down a road of drug use and abuse for over 35 YEARS! It has some very serious health problems, which by the way, ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED!! HELLO YOU SMOKE IT!!!

Could someone wake up from your dreams, and look at the real problems down the road that this will cause. Why is this not treated as a health issue. Cigarettes are bad for us, and pot is also, only WORSE because it is not filtered. Here we go, more taxes, more strain on our law enforcement and more strain on our already tapped health care industry.

Can someone stop the madness and move on to more pressing issues, like trying to create an atmosphere of job creation and keeping our young people from leaving vermont or there will be no vermont, as we know it. Wake up....