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For HB 513

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Denise Manos
Self
KERRVILLE, TX

Lumber industry saw hemp/marijuana crop as a threat in the 1930's and lobbied for prohibition law. A Partnership for Drug Free America, substantially funded by alcohol and cigarette industry, vilified marijuana in the media. Past research has been skewed and unrealistic. Marijuana is Not a hallucinogen. It does not produce hallucinations. Decriminalization and legalization should have been done long ago. Otherwise, ban alcohol and cigarettes. Or is there some other "big" industry being threatened????

Jarod Brothers, Mr
The potheads
Spring, TX

Just legalize it already. Everyone smokes it, including you.

Jesse Williams
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this bill on several fronts. It increases the penalties for marijuana which the state has already proven is a medical benefit item and on it's own cannot cause seriously bodily injury or death from the substance itself unadulterated. If the bill wants to address adulterants and additives that can cause those issues, it should contain that language. That point wouldn't even be necessary in a standalone bill as from my understanding, the state of Texas already has penalties similar to the ones in this bill for causing that type of damage to another human being when there is malice at the forefront of the basis for the act. As well, overwhelming the citizens have Texas have shown time and time again through various polls that they do not wish to see penalty increases simply for possessing or selling small amounts of marijuana. This bill would very much go after that with it's broad language and ill defined usage of the term bodily injury.

2020-2028 TX-Libertarian/Centrist Presidential Can Morris Jr, Minister and Security Specialist

Minister and Security 20+ years/Human Souls Freedom from slavery and prohibition.

Houston, TX

This is recreated or recreational slavery. This should not be for a reason on impairments it should simply be for violent offenders but if they cause harm to others and there property but, not because of what they eat or ingest. Dopamine is in the body and even ice cream or chocolate makes you happy enough to release it from the brain down the spine to make humans feel good. That means everyone including the President and Politicians should be locked up for being happy. While I am also now permanently disabled and I stay painless with back injections = US government drugs and compassionate use cannabis only the cannabis doesn't have negative side effects. I fully support freedom, decriminalization and full de scheduling.