

WHY SHOULD MY FAMILY CARE ABOUT ASSET FORFEITURE AND MARIJUANA PROHIBITION LAWS?

PRA2000 - MARIJUANA LAW REFORM IN MICHIGAN (PLEASE READ)

The attached petition for PRA2000 is to place, on the November 2000 ballot, a proposed amendment to the State Constitution to change how we treat those responsible adults over the age of 21 who choose to use marijuana. Currently the otherwise law abiding citizens who use and are caught in possession of marijuana face imprisonment and asset forfeitures, even if for medical purposes. The Personal Responsibility Amendment (read full text at the top of the petition form) would decriminalize compassionate medical and adult personal use of homegrown marijuana within the privacy of home so long as it is kept responsibly away from kids, cars, and the public. Studies have shown that over 75% of the people of this State do not believe that persons should be sent to jail for smoking pot. Over 85% believe that it should be legal for medical purposes. IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!!! The war on marijuana is a dismal failure and a fraud on the taxpayers. The supply of pot is at an all time high. Anyone who wants it can and will get it, even in jail. Yet the taxpayers continue to bankroll for the implementation of ineffective prohibition laws. We need to take steps to do something different. Those adults over the age of 21 who control themselves and want to use pot in a responsible manner or need it to relieve suffering should be able to do so. Those few users who allow pot to take over their lives should be able to get treatment without fear of arrest. The monetary cost of the failed effort to keep pot out of this country is huge, and the amount of money sent to other countries for the illegal purchase of marijuana is in the billions of dollars. The cost to imprison non-violent pot smokers, while states let violent people out early to make room for pot smokers, is unbelievable. Almost 30% of the employees of the State of Michigan work for the Department of Corrections! You don't have to be a pot smoker to see that our current marijuana control policy isn't working. And if you are a pot smoker you shouldn't be made a criminal. Support this petition and let's get this idea of change put before a yes or no vote of the people of this great state of Michigan. Almost 700,000 Americans are arrested every year for marijuana alone. Even if you don't want people smoking pot, why should your tax dollar pay for prohibition that doesn't work? In the Netherlands, where limited adult use of pot is legal, marijuana use statistics are significantly lower than in America-by nearly half for teenagers- because the laws there do not sensationalize marijuana; like alcohol prohibition in the 20's, pot laws increase use and erode respect for the rule of law! It truly is time for change. Take action now. Before you start to collect signatures of registered voters at places like Secretary of State branch offices (where a person not registered on the way in can be registered on the way out) you should make 20 copies of this letter and the attached petition (petition must be on 8 1/2" x 14" legal size paper) and mail or hand them to friends, acquaintances or just people you think might support reform. Don't worry about a return address-PRA2000 has its address and web site at the lower left corner of the petition. If you can send out more than 20 do so, or make up 100 sets (letter & petition) and put them on car windshields at work, the store, the club, your college, or where ever. Get friends to help. Hurry!- the deadline is July 10, 2000. We need over 300,000 signatures of registered voters. Do your part! Don't break the law-remake the law. Make it right! If you don't who will?

TAKE THE INITIATIVE! PICK UP A PEN. SIGN THE PETITION. SEND IT IN! ITS SIMPLE IF YOU FOLLOW THE RULES BELOW:

- All signers on one petition form must be from a single county; you must label the county on the line provided just above the signature lines where it says: We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors of the County of _____, State of Michigan....
- Must be a Michigan resident qualified to register to vote to circulate petitions (you may circulate in any county).
- A signer must be qualified & registered Michigan voter. Prior felony convictions do not disqualify signers.
- Each signer must check the box whether registered to vote within the city limits or township limits, and write the name of their city or township where registered to vote. If this is unknown please write in the name of the post office.
- Signers must also print their name legibly in the box next to their signature.
- Must place street address as registered to vote (may not just be a P.O. box).
- Post office is the name of the community written on a letter addressed to the signer. ZIP Code alone is sufficient.
- All signatures must be dated.
- You may sign and witness (circulate) your own petition, but you must always complete the Circulator Certificate at the lower right hand portion of the form (*sign and date after* all signatures are obtained).
- Call the Michigan Elections Office at (517) 373-2540 to have EZ Mail-in Voter registration forms sent to you free of charge so that you can register voters. They are considered registered on the date of post-mark or delivery to their county clerk!

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