

TAKE THE INITIATIVE!

RETURN ALL PETITIONS IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION!

YOUR PETITIONS DON'T NEED TO BE FULL! SEND IN PETITION EVEN IF YOU ARE THE ONLY SIGNER- YOU MAY WITNESS YOUR OWN SIGNATURE!

PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR PRINTING OFF THE INTERNET @ WWW.BALLOT2000.NET OR WWW.VOTER2000.NET OR CALL (517) 799-4641

PLEASE TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO PHOTOCOPY MANY BLANK PETITIONS AND TEACH OTHERS HOW TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS. REMEMBER TO USE ONLY LEGAL SIZE PAPER!

REMIND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO CALL THEIR LOCAL CLERKS IN THE FALL FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS!

YOU MAY MAKE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS ON-LINE AT www.ballot2000.net

PETITION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICES!

CALL THE HOTLINE WITH TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ANYTIME (517) 239-9000

MAKE YOUR SIGNATURE COUNT!

The enclosed petitions are ready to sign and return. Blank forms may be Photocopied on legal size (8 1/2" x 14") paper if you wish to circulate many petitions or have them to give away. Pick up a pen. Sign the petition. Send it in! Its simple if you follow the rules below.

- You may sign and witness (circulate) your own petition, but you must be sure to always complete, sign, and date the Circulator Certificate at the lower right hand portion of the form after all signatures are obtained.
- Must be an adult Michigan resident to circulate petitions (in any county).
- A signer must be qualified & registered Michigan voter. Prior felony convictions do not disqualify signers.
- 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.
- Each signer must check the box and write whether registered to vote within the city limits or township limits. 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.
- Street address may not be a P.O. Box
- Post office is the name of the community written on a letter to the signer. ZIP Code alone is sufficient.
- All signatures must be dated
- 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!

Return address at bottom left part of petition
PRA2000 255 N. CENTER, SUITE 1, SAGINAW, MI 48603

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America's Constitutional form of government is meant to last through the ages, but it requires the active participation of its citizens to keep it in check. Michigan is one of only 17 states that reserves to its people the power of initiative so use it or lose it!

SIGN & CIRCULATE PETITIONS NOW!

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY EXTRA PETITION FORMS ON LEGALIZE LEGAL SIZE PAPER!

302,711 SIGNATURES ARE NEEDED BEFORE JULY 10, 2000
TO PLACE THE PRA2000 INITIATIVE ON THE NOVEMBER 2000 BALLOT FOR A YES OR NO VOTE OF THE PEOPLE TO SEE WHETHER IT IS THE PEOPLE, OR JUST LANSING POLITICIANS, WHO WANT TO JAIL CITIZENS, AND CONFISCATE THEIR PROPERTY, FOR MEDICAL & ADULT PERSONAL USE OF MARIJUANA IN THE PRIVACY OF HOME KEPT RESPONSIBLY AWAY FROM KIDS, CARS, AND THE PUBLIC.

ANNUAL HASH BASH at noon April 1 at UM Diag - an ANN ARBOR Tradition
DETROIT ST. ANDREWS HALL CONCERT - April 13 @ 9PM E. Congress near GREEKTOWN
Call Stephen Garcia (313) 881-3590 or (313) 325-6085 for more info
FREE MTU NORML U.P. CONCERT & RALLY - APRIL 16 NOON HOUGHTON
On MTU Campus - Fisher Hall Call 906-482-5342 www.sos.mtu.edu/norml

420 FRISBEE GOLF OUTING - APRIL 20 AT 4PM AT TIMBERLEE NEAR TRAVERSE CITY
Call (231) 933-6151 or write Northwoods Disc Chuckers esex@torchlake.com

MILLIONS FOR MARIJUANA MARCH on May 6, 2000 - 5 cities in Michigan
Traverse, Detroit, Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids & Your Town! Make it happen!
Call Dana Beal (212) 677-7180 or Kathy Kennedy 517-628-3915

LIBERTARIAN LOCAL MONTHLY MEETINGS ALL OVER MICHIGAN!
Call 1-800-343-1364 or see events calendar www.mi.lp.org

☉ COME ALL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO THE HISTORIC ☉

HEMP AID 2000

RAINBOW FARM CONCERT & RALLY IN VANDALIA, MI
Call (616) 476-2808 or see www.rainbowfarmcampground.com for maps, tickets, and info

JUST SAY KNOW TO THE WAR ON DRUGS!
PRA2000 IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER GRASS ROOTS EFFORT!

PLEASE MAKE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF YOUR TIME AND MONEY!

JOIN OR ORGANIZE YOUR OWN LOCAL PRA2000 DELEGATION!
ASK YOUR CANDIDATES TO PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR PRA2000
PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE PETITIONS AND HANDBILLS
PETITION AT SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICES
WRITE EDITORIALS TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER
DO YOUR OWN VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE
TELL YOUR FRIENDS-SPREAD THE WORD
SEND EMAIL LETTERS!



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THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AMENDMENT

MICHIGAN PETITION INITIATIVE

End the Asset Forfeiture Nightmare
Repeal Marijuana Prohibition Laws
WIN A PEACE WITH HONOR IN THE WAR ON (SOME) DRUGS!



WHY SHOULD MY FAMILY CARE ABOUT THE WAR ON DRUGS?

Prohibition is a revenue's game...and your the ball!

"The prestige of government has undoubtedly been lowered considerably by the prohibition law. For nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely connected with this".

-Albert Einstein
"My First Impression of the U.S.A.", 1921

PRA2000 Ballot Initiative
Asserting the Private Jurisdiction of the Individual!

CONSTITUTIONAL BALLOT INITIATIVES PUT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN CHARGE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT

"It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Government from falling into error".

U.S. Supreme Court in American Communications Association v. Douds, 339 U.S. 382,442)

"It ain't what we don't know that gets us in trouble; it's what we know that ain't so!" -Will Rogers

The War on (some) Drugs is poison for America - but its growth food for bureaucracies. State and federal marijuana prohibition and forfeiture laws are the result of an elite political establishment gone mad! Justified with misinformation and pseudo-intellectual cheap shots, THE DRUG WAR IS A \$50 BILLION A YEAR FRAUD ON AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. Like snake oil, it is an expensive cure that's worse than the disease!

Any honest professional without a vested interest in the War on Drugs will admit that honest voluntary education programs, not incarceration, hold the Key to Preventing Drug Abuse.

PRA2000 earmarks asset forfeiture proceeds for voluntary programs to guarantee an educational priority in drug abuse prevention efforts, and eliminates the corrupting financial incentives behind the incorrigible abuse of forfeiture laws and militarization of local police.

How can we protect our children from drugs?

Not by telling them lies born of desperation. Lying to kids always backfires, and once you lose the trust of a child you can never get your credibility back. Laws that don't respect people breed people who don't respect laws! When kids see that many decent people smoke marijuana, after being taught in school that marijuana is deadly and evil, they start to question the trustworthiness of their government. FDR and millions of Americans did not fight to end alcohol prohibition in the 30's because they thought booze was good for people; respect for the *Rule of Law* was a primary casualty of prohibition *then and now!* Arresting, punishing, and sensationalizing marijuana users alienates them from society's mainstream institutions and values. By decriminalizing marijuana and providing a non-deviant environment for adult use, the Netherlands has diminished the image of pot use as a form of youthful rebellion. Statistically, youths in the Netherlands wait longer and use rates for younger teens are almost half that of Americans.

Marijuana laws make liars and criminals out of people who are neither! The War on Drugs is the "McCarthyism of the '90's".

Presidents and presidential candidates admit to past marijuana use and are not disqualified from office, but for everyone else the medical or adult personal use of marijuana even in the privacy of home away from kids, cars, and the public is a crime with license suspensions and even felony time for repeat possessors. In Michigan 22% of those sentenced for marijuana offenses were sent to prison. Almost 700 thousand Americans are arrested each year for marijuana alone, and the U.S. prison population is over 2 million (*per capita* incarceration is exceeded only in Russia). Almost 30% of the employees of the State of Michigan work for the Department of Corrections! Hypocrisy is not the answer. We must face ourselves! We are Americans; examples for the world -we are better than that!

Medical marijuana smoking is considered beneficial in addressing persistent nausea, vomiting, wasting syndrome or loss of appetite associated with chemotherapy or radiation cancer therapy and AIDS, where swallowed medicine is impractical, or in reducing intraocular pressure associated with glaucoma, or for controlling seizures or persistent spasms associated with chronic, debilitating diseases, such as epilepsy, multiple sclerosis (M.S.), Tourett's syndrome or other similar conditions.

Michigan lawmakers petitioned Congress in March 17,1982 Senate Concurrent Resolution No.473 (*co-sponsored by then-Senator ,now the Hon. Governor, John Engler*) to legalize marijuana for all its medical benefits. Almost twenty years later state and federal marijuana laws are worse not better! Political correctness has replaced common sense!

It is not marijuana use, but rather marijuana laws, that can lead people to harder drugs!

The so-called "*Gateway Theory*" that marijuana use leads to hard drugs is completely without any foundation in reason; it is flawed by the classical logical fallacy *post hoc ergo propter hoc* (after which, therefore because of which). In fact, the "*gateway theory*" is no theory at all, but only an empty political ploy which attempts to establish a causal link between a relatively common activity (marijuana is by far the most commonly used illegal controlled substance) with a relatively rare activity like cocaine use. Those few Americans who use cocaine have likely also tried marijuana. They have probably also listened to Rock 'n Roll music and tried other common but legal drugs like alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco. But to imply any causation from this mere statistical association is like trying to say that, since most people who ride motorcycles started out riding bicycles, that bike riding is a *gateway* to motorcycles, and even a gateway to membership in the Hell's Angels! Of course there is *one major difference between marijuana and alcohol*. Marijuana prohibition laws put the government into an unwitting partnership with major drug cartels by keeping prices high, competition low, and by forcing otherwise law-abiding citizens into the hands of dope dealers, who can use the mildly intoxicating natural herb as a lure for dealing hard drugs. The typical marijuana smoker would never even meet a drug dealer or be introduced to the criminal element if it were not for marijuana prohibition laws! There are other differences too: Legal drugs like alcohol and tobacco kill 400,000 Americans each year; no one has ever died from using marijuana. Alcohol causes domestic violence and bar fights; the only thing a person using marijuana is likely to attack is a bag of potato chips! And it is far easier for children to obtain drugs than it is for them to get tobacco and alcohol because dealers don't check I.D.

Just what we need...another legal drug so potheads can drive around in cars high on marijuana and putting our children at risk.

PRA2000 doesn't encourage use, and it spells out clear exceptions for any incidents involving operation of a car, any claim of harm to anyone or anything, any commercial activity whatsoever, or any probationer, parolee, or prisoner. It is far less intoxicating than alcohol; it is proven to impair driving less, it's far easier for police to detect, and carries severe penalties.

The Private Jurisdiction of the Individual
The forgotten message of the American revolution!

Freedom of conscience includes the personal responsibility to exercise self-restraint and to assume the risk of any harmful and debilitating personal consequences that could result from the abuse of marijuana, alcohol, or tobacco. It is not the proper role of a limited government to interfere with the discretion of adults exercising informed personal judgment, but only to prevent and redress acts of injustice to others through reasonable regulations. By the way, a recent major study Johns Hopkins University has concluded that marijuana has no effect on memory. *There is a part of life which necessarily remains personal and independent; which, of right, is beyond the competence of society. Sovereignty can be only limited and relative. At that point where personal independence and life begin, the jurisdiction of the sovereign ends!*

THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AMENDMENT

PRA2000 will stop prosecutions and forfeitures for limited medical and adult (over 21) personal use and possession of small amounts of home grown marijuana so long as it is within the privacy of home and kept responsibly away from kids, cars, and the public. This follows the idea that marijuana use is an undeniable cultural reality and not, by itself, a manifestation of individual criminal character. It gives people who choose smoke marijuana a lawful means of doing so without ever being forced into the hands of pushers. PRA2000 will allow police to concentrate on violent property crime and won't leave any quarter or sympathy for those who still engage in drug dealing!

Will it win? Can I make a difference? Should I Try?

A great deal of talent is lost to the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whose timidity prevented them from making a first effort. Don't be one of them! *"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."* Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States

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