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## Marijuana Update - November 29, 2017



The Joint Legislative Committee hearing on the impact of legalizing marijuana was held in Chicago yesterday. Three panels, hand-picked by the sponsors, gave a positive spin on the impact of legalization.

Those who want to legalize marijuana for "recreational use" want Illinois to be the first state to legalize marijuana through the legislative process. Other states that legalized did so by voter referendum.

### **EDITORIAL: Five questions about legal pot that demand better answers**

At a time when our whole nation has its hands full with the opioid crisis, we see no wisdom in Illinois rushing headlong into legalizing the recreational use of marijuana. There are still too many questions, and other states and countries - where pot already has been legalized - will soon enough have a better handle on the answers.

Worse yet would be if Illinois legalized recreational marijuana just so it can be taxed. Any debate about the merits of legal marijuana should have nothing to do with trying to rescue our state's sorry finances. [Read more](#)

### **Marijuana's legalization fuels black market in other states**

Marijuana smugglers are growing and shipping vast quantities of illicit cannabis across the USA.

. . . Many are starting in states where growing marijuana is legal, such as Colorado, and sending the drug elsewhere.

In June, Colorado prosecutors said they busted a 74-person operation producing 100 pounds of marijuana per month - enough to generate \$200,000 monthly, tax free, for more than four years. [Read more](#)

***For Immediate Action***

- Send this Alert to your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#). Many Legislators are busy getting petitions signed to run for re-election in March. This is a good time to share your concerns about legalizing marijuana for "recreational" purposes.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
- Forward to 10 others.

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