



Marijuana Alert - October 2, 2018



Bob Troyer, a U.S. attorney for the District of Colorado, wrote a compelling article about the negative impact of marijuana commercialization after legalization of "recreational" marijuana.

... Now **Colorado's youth use marijuana at a rate 85 percent higher than the national average.** Now **marijuana-related traffic fatalities are up by 151 percent.** Now 70 percent of 400 **licensed pot shops surveyed recommend that pregnant women use marijuana to treat morning sickness.** Now an **indoor marijuana grow consumes 17 times more power per square foot than an average residence.** Now each of the **approximately one million adult marijuana plants grown by licensed growers in Colorado consumes over 2.2 liters of water - per day.** Now Colorado has issued over 40 little-publicized **recalls of retail marijuana laced with pesticides and mold.**

And now Colorado has a **booming black market exploiting our permissive regulatory system** - including Mexican cartel growers for that black market who use nerve-agent pesticides that are contaminating Colorado's soil, waters, and wildlife. Marijuana commercialization has led Colorado to these places.

... **Colorado's black market has actually exploded after commercialization:** we have become a source-state, a theater of operation for sophisticated international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations from Cuba, China, Mexico, and elsewhere. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Forward this Alert with our [State Representative](#) and [State Senator](#) and ask them to OPPOSE the legalization and commercialization of marijuana.
2. Attend Candidate Forums and ask candidates' positions on this issue.
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