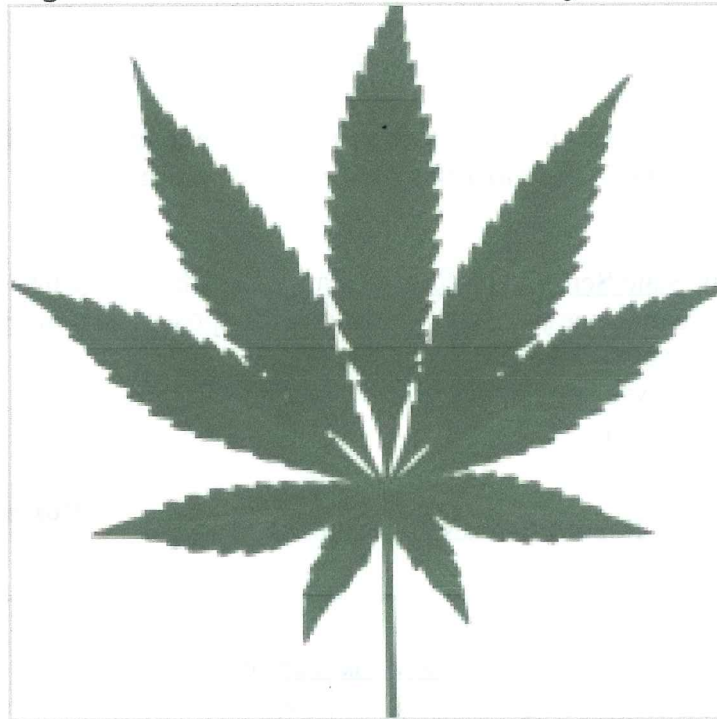


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## Marijuana Alert - January 29, 2019



In his inauguration speech, **Gov. Pritzker vowed to legalize the sale of marijuana for recreational use.**

Sponsors of the marijuana legislation are holding town hall meetings to promote their bill. [Read more](#)

*The State Journal-Register* reported on the town hall meeting:

Springfield resident Teresa Haley, 53, statewide and local president of the NAACP said her organization opposes cannabis legalization in Illinois.

She said **the legislation wouldn't do enough to help blacks economically or through the criminal-justice system and would lead to more addiction to the drug, which remains illegal under federal law.** "It's just a way to make more money off the backs of poor people," Haley said. [Read more](#)

While promoters of legalization claim that regulation will reduce black market sales, a **LEGAL Colorado marijuana business owner pled guilty last week to "drug and racketeering charges and will spend a year in prison".**

From the article:

. . . A yearlong investigation of Sweet Leaf's sales practices centered on a practice known as **"looping,"** where a customer purchases the maximum amount of marijuana that Colorado law permits and repeatedly returns to the same retailer to purchase more

market. [Read more](#)

**Mother breastfed baby after smoking marijuana - baby had seizure, hospitalized**  
[Read more](#)

**Study finds even a small amount of marijuana can affect teen brains**

A recent study found that teen brains are more vulnerable to the effects of marijuana than alcohol. And in June, University of Pennsylvania scientists discovered that young people who used marijuana frequently were more likely than nonusers to have slightly lower scores on tests of memory, learning new information, and higher-level problem solving and information processing. [Read more](#)

*For Immediate Action*

**The new Legislative session begins today, and there are many new lawmakers who need to hear from YOU, their constituents.**

1. Contact your [State Senator](#) and [Representative](#). Let them know that you are opposed to the legalization of marijuana for "recreational" purposes and share your concerns and information from this Alert.
2. Share this Alert with your faith community and PRAY.
3. Forward to 10 others.

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