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Governor Pritzker wants to legalize marijuana for anyone 21 years of age and older. State Representatives from both parties are uncomfortable rushing to legalize another addictive drug that could lead to harm.

Rep. Martin Moylan (D-55th District, Des Plaines) is sponsoring **HR 157** that urges lawmakers to slow the process of legalizing recreational marijuana in Illinois to consider the societal impact of legalization and examine all the data from other states that have passed similar legislation. So far, 47 Representatives have signed on as co-sponsors.

Illinois groups rally against legal pot

A spokesman for the Illinois branch of the NAACP, Robert Moore, said. "We don't need an additional substance that's going to impair our youth and citizens. This is just bad legislation-bad for our community and bad for our nation. Read more

Bloomberg: Pot legalization is stupid

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that states that move to legalize the plant for recreational and medical purposes are risking children's intelligence.

"What are we going to say in 10 years when we see all these kids whose IQs are five and 10 points lower than they would have been?" Bloomberg said. [Read more](#)

More Americans than Ever Dying From Alcohol, Drugs and Suicide

More than 150,000 Americans died from alcohol, drugs and suicide in 2017-the highest number since the federal government started collecting such data in 1999, USA Today reports. Overall, deaths due to alcohol, drugs and suicide increased 6 percent between 2016 and 2017. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your [State Representative](#). If he/she signed on as a sponsor to House Resolution 157, tell them thank you and let him/her know you OPPOSE the legalization of marijuana. If your State Representative is [not listed](#), ask them to sign on as a co-sponsor.
2. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY and CALL.
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