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I am writing in regards to the HB1393 bill that will legalize medical marijuana. I would like to have my letter submitted as a written testimony for the HB1393 bill. If passed, the bill would be detrimental to our State. What kind of message would this send our youth? That it is okay to use marijuana because it is legal. We already have an epidemic of drug addiction among our children. Legalizing medical marijuana would make it more readily available and easier to obtain. Marijuana impairs your concentration, coordination, and reaction time. According to statistics, 4-14% of drivers who sustained major injury or died while in a vehicular accident tested positive for THC. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducted this study. I feel that the legalization of medical marijuana would be sending a message that it is okay to smoke marijuana because it is legal. If an adult is able to find a doctor who can prescribe him or her marijuana, there will be an excuse to smoke it whether or not it is needed. Our children need positive influences in a society where drug addiction has become lethal. I would hope that this bill would be a no vote.

Sincerely,

