To the Senate President/Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and members of the Senate/House [insert committee name] Committee,

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Ohio, are opposed to the legalization of recreational marijuana for the following reasons: [Please feel free to choose between 2-4 points below to best convey your message]

* Several studies have linked heavy marijuana use to lower income, greater welfare dependence, unemployment and lower life satisfaction.
* People who begin using marijuana before age 18 are 4 to 7 times more likely than adults to develop a marijuana use disorder.
* The proportion of cases of schizophrenia associated with marijuana use disorder has increased 3- to 4-fold during the past two decades.
* Marijuana is one of the leading substances for which individuals receive drug treatment in the U.S.
* In Colorado, for every $1 of tax revenue, the state spends $4.50 counteracting legalization’s effects. Funds generated from marijuana tax revenue are not enough to fix budget shortfalls.
* A four-year prospective study followed medical marijuana patients with a dual opioid prescription and found that marijuana use had no positive impact on opioid use or reduced prescribing of opioids.
* Adolescents who use marijuana regularly are significantly less likely than their non-using peers to finish high school or obtain a degree. They also have a much higher chance of developing dependence, using other drugs, and attempting suicide.
* States that have legalized marijuana for recreational use have higher youth use rates than the national average.

We therefore respectfully request that you **VOTE NO** on Senate/House Bill [insert bill number] and do not move forward with any type of language in this legislation.

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