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Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation

Measure: SB1541

I oppose SB 1541 because it is a step backwards from the progress of treating problems of drug abuse in a harm reduction manner. This measure would take money away from drug treatment for Measure 110 support and give it to law enforcement. This would inevitably increase the harms of drug abuse. The weight of evidence is massive that enforcement efforts--especially ones aimed at controlling the supply of substances--are ineffective for dealing with needed treatment for misuse of both legal and illegal drugs. If there is concern about marijuana trafficking, then the right place to go for any additional law enforcement funding for anti-trafficking problems must come from existing public safety budgets, not from health budgets.