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I am against increasing the tax on Cannabis. The illegal cannabis market will increase if you increase the price of legal cannabis with taxes. In Southern OR we have a big issue of large illegal cannabis grows. the best way to get rid of illegal cannabis is to decrease the price on legal cannabis. The side effect of higher taxes on cannabis is the increase of illegal cannabis. The legal market needs support from the legislators not another obstacle to success. What will you tell the federal drug enforcement when they ask what you did to reduce illegal cannabis production in OR? Will you be honest and tell them you increased the price of illegal cannabis by increasing taxes on legal cannabis?

I see you want the money it will produce and you think it is free money from drug users and it detours use. The truth is by increasing taxes on legal cannabis it will create a higher price for illegal cannabis and the illegal market will flourish which brings in home invasion, drug dealers, shady sales in the park, human trafficking, cartel, racism, and the worst side of cannabis becomes the standard again. Don't think that there is no cost to this tax. The effects will be felt worse in Southern OR when more out door illegal grows pop up.

Please don't increase the tax on cannabis

Thank You

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