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Cannabis is still a severely understudied substance, and the true impact of consumption is only in the early stages of understanding. That said, early longitudinal studies show it has a detrimental impact on the developing brain and overconsumption in adults can lead to a number of health issues related to psychosis, depression, anxiety, and a slew of heart issues. That paired with poison control data that shows youth overdoses related to cannabis is high in Oregon demonstrates a need for greater regulation around the product. While businesses will have to take on the burden of updating their practices, that price will ultimately be placed on the consumer at a time when cannabis prices are already low.

Supporting this legislation is a start to implementing more regulation and providing more supports for individuals experiencing marijuana use disorder.

Thank you.