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Talking Points

13 states now have it legal by prescription: California, Alaska, Montana, Michigan, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

Maryland has a medical defense law, which means you can still get arrested for using marijuana, but can use medical need as a defense in court.

Fifteen more states are working towards legalizing medical marijuana: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

There are an estimated 1.7 million people in this state that are seriously ill.

Marijuana has been proven time and time again to be a safe, affordable and effective medication

Marijuana is the #1 cash crop in the United States, #3 in Florida

We will raise over \$200 million in sales tax revenues.

Tens of thousands of jobs will be created, boosting our economy more than \$1 billion.

Crime rates will decrease.

There is no evidence this is a gateway drug. Statistically speaking, children start consuming caffeine, smoking cigarettes, and drinking alcohol years before trying marijuana.

There are no addictive compounds in marijuana.

The uses for this medicine range from pain relief to stopping the spread of five types of cancer: brain, breast, lung, pancreatic and prostate.

Marijuana has been shown to facilitate stem cell implantation.

It has documented medical use for over 5,000 years. George Washington used it to treat headaches and Queen Victoria for menstrual cramps.

The pharmaceutical companies have made Marinol, it is only the THC compound, does not include the other 65 compounds found in marijuana and costs \$700-2100/mo.

Marijuana can be used to treat at least 48 diseases: Cancer, Parkinson's, Huntington's Disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, AIDs, chronic pain, glaucoma, hepatitis C, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV, epilepsy, Crohn's disease, anorexia, nail patella, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), chronic nervous system disorders, cachexia or wasting syndrome, chronic or intractable pain, severe nausea, seizures, severe or persistent muscle spasms, diabetes mellitus, dystonia, fibromyalgia, gastrointestinal disorders, gliomas, hypertension, incontinence, MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), osteoporosis, pruritus, sleep apnea, Tourette's syndrome, migraine headaches, depression, post traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorder, bipolar disorder, menstrual cramps and excessive bleeding, diarrhea, tuberculosis, elephantiasis, asthma, hemorrhoids, anemia, rabies, insomnia

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