THC, MARIJUANA AND DRIVING STONED:
A TOWN HALL MEETING
ABOUT KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE

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Why Talk about THC, Marijuana and Highway Fatalities and Injuries?

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What is Let’s Be Clear Georgia?

Let’s Be Clear Georgia is a partnership of over 470 private and public agencies, employers, and individuals engaging in best practices and policies to prevent marijuana abuse in our state.

What is our Mission?

To engage in best practices and policies to prevent marijuana abuse in Georgia using evidence-based prevention education, policy education and collaborative strategies.
Statistic from the GA Department of Transportation

In 2016 out of approximately 460,000 crashes only 15 were associated with marijuana
Every $\frac{5}{2}$ days someone dies in a marijuana-related traffic death in Colorado.

Do we want this in GEORGIA?
Percent of All Traffic Deaths That Were Marijuana-Related when a Driver Tested Positive for Marijuana

The number of toxicology screens positive for marijuana (primarily DUID) increased 63 percent in the four-year average (2013-2016) since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana compared to the four-year average (2009-2012) prior to legalization.

The 2016 Colorado State Patrol DUID Program data includes:

- 76 percent (767) of the 1004 DUIDs involved marijuana.
- 38 percent (385) of the 1004 DUIDs involved marijuana only.
To provide for:

- 10 cultivation licenses
- 10 manufacturing licenses
- An “adequate number” (i.e. no minimum) of dispensing licenses
  (to operate dispensaries = medi-pot shops)

To pass legislation during this session of the Georgia General Assembly (January 14th through the end of March).
Impact of Increased Access in Coming Years

Should Legislation Pass:

Greatly increase the # of Stoned Drivers, and Marijuana Related Fatalities & Injuries on Georgia’s Highways
5% THC Oil is now legal in Georgia for 12 physical disorders and 4 mental disorders.

4 Drops of 5% “Low” THC Oil = 10 milligrams of THC = 1 standardized serving of an edible in Colorado.
Just like alcohol is alcohol no matter what form it’s in . . .
Marijuana is marijuana no matter what form it’s in: A bottle of “Low” THC Oil or a Joint.
Both THC Oil and a Joint contain the same THC that can get you just as High and Just as Addicted.

25 ml bottle contains 1,250 mg of THC = 125 standardized servings.
The only difference between “medical” THC Oil and recreational THC Oil is that medical marijuana oil has “medical marijuana” written on the label.
And it doesn’t matter if you

Swallow THC oil from a medicine dropper
Vape THC oil from a vaporizer
Smoke a reefer . . .
Eat marijuana gummy bears

You can get just as high
and just as addicted
Case in Point

A Few Concentrates

BHO

Budder

Wax

Shatter
Whole Plant Marijuana at 12%-15% THC in GA

Progression from Marijuana to Opioids

Marijuana Extracts
Up to 80%-90% THC

Opioids like Heroin
Shatter can be as much as 85% THC

The fine print on the package says, "For use by adults as well as children . . . "

"Medical" Marijuana now legal in Florida: "Medical" Shatter!
Passed unanimously by MAG’s House of Delegates in October, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia oppose the expansion of the legalization of non-standard and non-FDA approved use of cannabis for medical use in Georgia and educate physicians and other clinicians on the risks of artisanal cannabis products lacking FDA approval.
Let's Be Clear Georgia
A Collaborative to Prevent Marijuana Abuse

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Website: ClearGA.org

Prevention & Policy Education Website
Thank You for All You Do to Help Save Lives, Minds and Futures!!