



GPCC anti-Marijuana proposition voter info pamphlet letter

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce stands in firm opposition to the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. This 21-page initiative authored by special interests places the right of an employee to use marijuana ahead of the duty of their employer to provide a safe, successful and welcoming workplace for all employees.

Evidence shows that employees under the influence are a legitimate problem for employers. Workers who test positive for marijuana have been shown to have 55 percent more industrial accidents and 85 percent more injuries.

Furthermore, recreational marijuana legalization – as proposed by this initiative – greatly diminishes our state’s ability to attract new businesses, foster innovation and create jobs. One has to look no further than Colorado’s failed legal-marijuana experiment, where both the governor and business owners are struggling with the negatives and telling other states to wait.

Additionally, if this initiative passes, employers may not be able to deny a job to someone who tests positive for marijuana and it would be difficult to take disciplinary action against an employee who fails a drug test. In sum, this initiative opens the door to a new field of broad and expensive, wrongful-termination lawsuits.

There is no scenario where legalizing recreational marijuana makes sense for Arizona’s employers, businesses or economy.

To continue moving Arizona’s economy forward we must remain an attractive location to businesses and a magnet for new innovation. This proposition acts in direct opposition to that goal. This proposal is bad for our business members, bad for employees and bad for the state.

We ask you to join employers in voting NO.

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