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I want to thank the board of supervisors for listening to my objection of this emergency moratorium.

I'm violating my HIPPA rights to privacy by telling you this, but this is important! I want you to know I am a Medical Cannabis patient. I was in a tragic car accident in 2000 that wiped out my lower spine. It was so badly damaged there was no bone left to repair. I now have part of another human's spine, two rods, 4 screws and a neuro stim implant for pain. I no longer can go through normal security measures (x-ray machines) because if not calibrated properly, it will fry my spinal cord and leave me paralyzed. The pharmaceuticals they put me on for this injury put me in a coma for 7 days and almost killed me. I have nerve damage and the pain is torture. The only thing that safely keeps me functioning and a contributing adult IS Cannabis.

I want to enlighten you on some of the researched facts on Cannabis:

There are 119 patents with Cannabis in the title.

Our own Govt. holds patent # 6630507 titled Cannabinoids as antioxidants and neuroprotectants filed 10-7-2003. This patent clearly states the medicinal benefits. It says that it can be used for Parkinson's, MS, Cerebral Palsy and many other nerve related diseases.

Our own Govt. grows cannabis at the University of Mississippi and distributes it to patients for glaucoma, AIDS and HIV. They have been doing this since the seventies because there IS medicinal value to cannabis.

Sativex is made by GW Pharmaceuticals and distributed in 28 countries. It is a legally approved cannabis extract used for MS and spasticity and has shown no addictive qualities, no withdrawal and there have been no fatalities.

Per Kaiser Representative Katie Minke in Sacramento "Kaiser does allow Doctors to recommend medical cannabis if felt to be clinically appropriate and beneficial."

The California Medical Association endorses it.

The Nurses Association endorses it.

University of Davis's Barth Wilsey M.D. trained in anesthesiology and neurology pain (nerve damage) management has proven the neuro pain killing effect in patients suffering from AIDS, Cancer and Glaucoma.

The American Cancer Society at cancer.org shows that recent studies show no substantial risk of lung cancer from smoking Medicinal Cannabis.

MRSA- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus One of the biggest hospital acquired infections and is resistant to antibiotics. Research has found the only thing that kills it on contact is Cannabis. This could be used as a cleaning solvent and sterilizer and save thousands of lives each year.

Israel has studied the effects of Cannabis in the treatment of PTSD of soldiers returning from war and has found that it works better than pharmaceuticals. The soldiers are better able to return to normal life.

If applied topically it will cure skin cancer.

A study done in 1974 During the Nixon Administration found that if it is injected directly into a Glioma (brain tumor) it will kill the cancerous cells and leave the healthy tissue unharmed.

WE HAVE THE CURE FOR MANY CANCERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hemp products can be used for fuel, textiles, molded plastics, paper, building materials, auto parts, body care products , medicine, food, livestock feed and bedding etc. There are over 25,000 uses for Hemp. Think how this could be developed into an untold amount of jobs desperately needed by the 44 million unemployed Americans in this country.

Cannabis put 105 million tax dollars back into the economy of California last year.

This is just a very small fraction of the studies and facts our government is keeping from the mainstream public.

People are suffering and dying needlessly all under the guise of lies and money.

The reason they are lying is to protect their profit margin. The 3 largest industries in America are: #1 Pharmaceutical Companies, #2 War/Defense and #3 Prisons. These are the biggest campaign contributors.

Our Govt. has recently licensed 55 big pharmaceutical companies to grow Cannabis. They are going to open their shops in YOUR town and you will have no control over them. Make no mistake they will operate for profit. You will work for them; YOUR Govt. will make you do it.

The CEO of the largest prison company wrote in his yearly Corrections Corporation of America Annual Report to the U.S. Senate and I quote "Our growth is dependent upon our ability to get new contracts. The demand for our facilities and services could be adversely affected by the relaxation of enforcement efforts. For instance any changes with the respect to drugs or illegal immigration could affect the number of persons arrested, convicted and sentenced. Thereby reducing demand for our Correctional facilities to house them."

This leads to judges taking kickbacks from the builders of prisons to be hard on defendants. This is already happening as in the conviction of ex-judge Mark Ciavarella. He will be spending at least 13 years in prisons and caused several hundred cases to be immediately thrown out of court.

The U.S. Prison system is run for profit and worth 59.5 BILLION dollars a year. The prisons are floated on the stock market and shares are bought and sold based on how many prisoners are in jail. Do you see a pattern here?

I want to remind you that the dollars spent in prosecuting us will be wasted. There is a Constitutional Doctrine called Jury Nullification that allows juries to acquit defendants who are technically guilty but who don't deserve punishment. When a jury disregards the evidence and acquits an otherwise guilty defendant it has practiced Jury Nullification. This is the jury saying that the law is unfair, either generally or in this particular case.

A recent Gallop pole showed 50% of Americans in favor of legalization with 46% opposed and 4% undecided. We are the majority. Other polls are showing as high as 70% or more in favor of legalization.

Our Federal Govt. would love for you to be a follower and believe their horror stories.

We all know they have lied about Cannabis and Hemp.

It is time our representatives represented us. We have been persecuted too long for a plant God put on earth to help mankind.

I want to leave you with a final thought; This is the fork in the road.

The Federal Govt. has made 72 million dollars more available to California since Oct 7, 2011. Are you going to take the federal dollars and enforce federal law in lieu of upholding the will of the people of California? Or are you going to honor your sworn oath to uphold the laws of our sovereign state and send the money back??

It's never too late to start doing the right thing.

(Quote from Retired Deputy Chief Stephen Downing LAPD)

I ask you respectfully to table this emergency moratorium and do further research. We need Collectives more than ever. We need our medicine, people need to work and California needs our taxes. I am asking you to be a part of the solution. We are asking for you to show compassion for the sick, suffering and dying. Do not let us down and we won't let you down in the next election.

Thank You,

Kevai Floyd

