



The Main Issue: Public Opinion Going Unheard

Indiana's non-"referendum state" status prevents public voting on cannabis ballot initiatives. Recent Ball State surveys show just 9% of Hoosiers supporting cannabis illegality, and a 2018 study indicates a rising trend, with only 16% favoring jail time for cannabis possession.



Health and Opiate Crisis Perspective: The Impact of Medical Cannabis Laws

Studies, like the one in JAMA Internal Medicine, reveal a 24.8% lower annual opioid overdose mortality rate in states with medical cannabis laws, emphasizing the potential of cannabis reform in addressing crucial health concerns.



Economic Implications: A Missed Opportunity for Growth

Lobbyist Katie from Stash revealed a significant \$1 million in revenue from Hoosier consumers at their Michigan border retail location. Indiana is missing out on major opportunities in retail and high-paying cannabis industry jobs like research, development, and manufacturing.



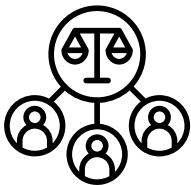
Lack of Transparency: Historic Hearings Without Votes

Despite two historic 2023 hearings on cannabis reform (November 1st and February 16th), neither received a vote, leaving Hoosiers uncertain about the stance of our local lawmakers on this crucial matter.



False Promises and Hemp Flower Ban: An Unfulfilled Promise

Governor Holcomb's promise of transitioning with federal cannabis legalization is false. The ban on hemp flower, citing difficulties in differentiation, hampers our competitiveness in the industrial hemp space.



Nonprofit Advocacy: A Call for Change

In response to challenges, Indiana NORML has pursued effective change through bipartisan lobbying. In 2023, we hired lobbyist Andrew Bauman, held two Historic Hearings on Cannabis, and are retaining Mr. Bauman for 2024, reinforcing our commitment to bipartisan advocacy.



Workplace Safety

According to Business Insider, a 19.5% decrease in fatal work injuries among 25- to 44-year-old workers in states that adopted medical cannabis laws, after controlling for various demographic and economic factors.



Support from Research: Cannabis Reform and Safety

Recent studies, like one in Health Economics (2022), reveal positive effects of medical cannabis on accidents and insurance premiums, showing a \$22 annual decrease in premiums in legalized jurisdictions.



Youth Cannabis Use Post-Legalization: Contrary Findings

Contrary to concerns, a study by Midgette and Reuter showed a significant decrease in grade 8 cannabis consumption post-legalization. Additionally, NIDA Director Nora Volkow testified that marijuana legalization hasn't led to increased adolescent use.