**Cannabis Commercialization is Unsafe**

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**State-legalized cannabis, an addictive intoxicating substance, is not regulated by FDA pharmaceutical standards[[1]](#footnote-1) which means:**

Current Good Manufacturing Practices Certification is not required. This may result in haphazard documentation of manufacturing processes, hygiene practices, production safety, distribution chain tracking, and final package testing.

No national adverse event reporting database or recall notice system.

No rigorous pharmacokinetic studies to guide serving size or dosing recommendations.

Chemicals used to extract THC from cannabis may create byproducts that are potentially toxic and unknown to the consumer.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Manufacturing sites are not subject to inspection by federal regulators.

Ingredient amounts listed on packaging may be incorrect.[[3]](#footnote-3)

Accidental ingestion of cannabis can lead to serious adverse events including death, especially in children. [[4]](#footnote-4)

**Conclusion: Cannabis Commercialization is Unsafe**

It is safer to snack on dog food[[5]](#footnote-5) than state-legalized cannabis products.

The State of Minnesota should not be promoting the addiction-for-profit cannabis industry.

No number of regulations in H.F 100 will ensure the safety of cannabis products that should be regulated by FDA pharmaceutical standards.

There is no need for the state government to play doctor, pharmacist, and distributor since pharmaceutical THC has been available by prescription since 1985.

1. https://www.fda.gov/drugs/pharmaceutical-quality-resources/facts-about-current-good-manufacturing-practices-cgmps [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/5-things-know-about-delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol-delta-8-thc [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/study-reveals-inaccurate-labeling-marijuana-hemp#about-author--0 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-warns-consumers-about-accidental-ingestion-children-food-products-containing-thc [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/animal-food-feeds/pet-food [↑](#footnote-ref-5)