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Please understand how the negative effects of high potency marijuana will impact the citizens of minority communities especially as the bill will enable minority entrepreneurs to create businesses to sell this addictive drug to their minority peers. There are two documents (the Minnesota Psychiatric Society and the American Medical Association) that make it clear we need more knowledge about this addictive drug but what we do know already is documented in the references and that it is harmful in many ways.

It is not inevitable that we commercialize Marijuana in Minnesota. North Dakota did not nor did Maryland or New Hampshire. The decision should be based on what is best for all of our citizens including teens. Decriminalization and expungement can clearly be a separate legislative event.

Sincerely,

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