

Good afternoon, my name is Shelly Stresnak. I am a law abiding tax paying citizen and currently a resident of Burnsville, Minnesota. I have lived in our great state for my entire 52 years of life. Marijuana legalization is a very big moment and I believe the right movement if we want to continue to grow and become a more innovative as a state. Please, I am asking you to use some common sense in ending prohibition. Marijuana is now legal in over half of the states and that number continues to grow each year. Why make Minnesotans wait any longer when polls find that a majority of Minnesotans support full legalization. On a more personal note, I've known many people who have been arrested, robbed, not able to get the proper medicine they need due to prohibition. Legalization would mean that there are no more risks for people meeting up with random marijuana dealers in back alleys, where there is risk of being, robbed or worse. Street dealers plants are obviously not regulated and may also contain harmful chemicals such as pesticides that are not being properly cured. Opening dispensaries not only makes users safer to buy the products in a secured dispensary but also builds tax revenue for our state. Please legalize, regulate and tax this plant. It means more to people than many of you will understand, the days of reefer madnesses are over and we need to act as the progressive state that we are and end this ridiculous prohibition now. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Shelly Stresnak