

*Official Argument Against Issue 3*  
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**VOTE NO ON ISSUE 3**  
**No Marijuana Monopoly in Ohio's Constitution**

Issue 3 cements in the Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors.

- Issue 3 gives them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature.
- The investors who wrote Issue 3 set their own preferential tax rates directly into the Constitution – rates that can't be changed by the Legislature like those on beer, wine, and tobacco.

Issue 3 puts our children at risk.

- Issue 3 legalizes marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are highly tempting to children, including very young children.
- High limits on personal possession of marijuana will result in broad exposure of our children and underage high school and college students to marijuana.

Issue 3 will flood Ohio with marijuana.

- Proponents imply that Issue 3 allows small amounts of marijuana for recreational use. In reality, it allows every adult 21 or over in the state the right to possess as much as 9 ounces (more than half a pound) of marijuana, or about 500 average-sized marijuana joints. In addition, every adult could possess four flowering marijuana plants at home.
- Issue 3 allows 1,159 retail marijuana stores – that's more locations than Starbucks or McDonalds, and nearly three times the number of state liquor stores.

Republican and Democrat elected officials, children's health advocates, hospitals, doctors, addiction counselors, faith leaders, mental health professionals, parents, educators, law enforcement officials, farmers, chambers of commerce and leading business groups all urge a NO vote on Issue 3.

**Stop the marijuana monopoly. Keep marijuana away from our children. Vote NO on Issue 3.**

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