

VOTE YES ON ISSUE 3

☞ **VOTE YES FOR PERSONAL CHOICE.** Issue 3 legalizes marijuana for medicinal and personal use in Ohio. It allows persons over age 21 to buy, possess, and grow a small amount of marijuana for their own use.

☞ **VOTE YES FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE.** Issue 3 authorizes non-profit dispensaries for medicinal marijuana, which Ohio doctors could prescribe to treat patients with cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, sickle cell anemia or other debilitating diseases; children with epilepsy; and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

☞ **VOTE YES FOR GOOD JOBS AND WELL-FUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.** Issue 3 establishes an industry that will create tens of thousands of jobs in Ohio. It permits, regulates, and taxes marijuana sales by licensed growers and retailers. It will eventually generate more than \$550 million annually in tax revenue, 85% of which will go directly to local governments, which may spend these funds on public safety, economic development, road/bridge repair, and other infrastructure improvements.

☞ **VOTE YES FOR A TIGHTLY REGULATED INDUSTRY.** Issue 3 creates an independent commission that will regulate the growth and sale of marijuana and issue licenses to ten initial grow facilities. The commission may license additional grow facilities as necessary. The initial ten-license limit is consistent with recommended best practices, and avoids problems other states with more grow sites have encountered in maintaining quality, ensuring safety, tracking product, and collecting taxes. Contrary to unfounded charges, the market established by Issue 3 does not constitute a monopoly, cartel, or oligopoly, and the commission's authority prevents any from developing. These charges have been trumped up by the legislature, which failed for decades to vote on legalizing marijuana, not even for medicinal purposes, and now opposes letting tax revenue from Issue 3 bypass it and go directly to local governments, replacing funding that the legislature previously slashed.

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