



Van H. Wanggaard

Wisconsin State Senator

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Thank you for contacting my office to express your support for the legalization of marijuana in the State of Wisconsin.

As a former police officer, I find it difficult to support legalization of marijuana. I have witnessed first hand the destruction that taking a narcotic has on the person and their family. Whereas I have sympathy for those that believe this may be their only alternative, I cannot in good conscious support any legislation legalizing illegal drugs.

We need only look to California to see what would happen if marijuana were legalized for medical use. California's medical marijuana laws have furthered sales of marijuana for everyday use, rather than for its intended propose. California has also seen an increase in marijuana use by children and young adults.

Again, thank you for contacting me to express your opinion on this issue. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns on this, or any other, issue.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Van H. Wanggaard', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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