

To: House Judiciary Committee

Re: House Bill 33

Please vote "NO" on this bill

This bill will make it a crime for individuals to drive w/ cannabis metabolites in their systems. Cannabis can be detected in an individual's system for as long as 30 days after a single ingestion, but the individual is only altered for approximately 3 hours after ingestion by smoking. Obviously, the usual blood tests aren't going to work given these conditions. Could a simple roadside sobriety test be more useful? Also, I notice that this bill's wording excludes from prosecution individuals driving under the influence of prescription drugs. This is absurd. Driving under the influence of mind altering prescription drugs is extremely unsafe. Why would you allow people to drive under their influence w/ out repercussions? This bill is obviously not intended to protect the public from unsafe drivers, but it will make the combination of medical cannabis use and ever operating a vehicle impossible.

Below I've attached a link to a study on the effects of cannabis on driving.

<http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/Misc/driving/s1p2.htm>

Apropos of absolutely nothing other than being weirdly fascinating, note that 2 of the subjects were disqualified form the study because, after ingestion, no cannabis was found in their systems.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to read this. I trust that you will use your best judgement in dealing with this bill.

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