



WHAT'S AT STAKE: MORE OHIOANS WILL BE KILLED AND INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Ohioans are projected to suffer 48 more fatal vehicle crashes and 2,298 more injury crashes from legalizing recreational marijuana

A Big Push for Big Profits by a Few Rich Investors: The \$30 billion commercial marijuana industry has written a law to legalize recreational use and retail sales of marijuana in Ohio and also paid to get it on the November 7 statewide ballot.

- **It's Driven By Big Corporate Investors:** This plan was bought and paid for by the “*Pot Profiteers*,” a handful of large marijuana companies and their investors who want to change Ohio's law for their personal gain—regardless of the damage it causes Ohioans.
- **It's Anti-Competitive:** The law would give a handful of companies the first right to sell marijuana for recreational use and try to keep out their competitors.
- **It Rewards Convicted Drug Criminals:** Anyone previously convicted of a drug crime—regardless of its severity—is considered “disadvantaged” and given preferential treatment for getting a license to start a marijuana farm or shop and cash assistance for start-up costs.

It's All Just About Big Money: With up to \$4 billion in sales potentially up for grabs, according to an Ohio State University study, these investors see big dollar signs and want to corner the market. The 10% tax rate they want to set for themselves would be one of the lowest in the nation and they would steer up to 36% of that revenue back to themselves to set up more marijuana farms and shops.

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- **States that have legalized have seen increases in traffic deaths and injuries:** According to [research](#) by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, states that have legalized recreational marijuana see fatal crash rates go up 4.1% and injury crash rates go up 5.8% on average.
- **In Ohio, that means 48 more fatal crashes and 2,300 more injury crashes:** If Ohio were to legalize recreational marijuana, Ohioans would suffer 48 more fatal crashes and 2,298 more injury crashes, based on projections using the Ohio Department of Public Safety's 2022 crash statistics and the research from the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety.

(2022 Data from [Ohio Department of Public Safety Crash Statistics](#))

CRASH TYPE	2022 CRASH DATA (Ohio Dept. of Public Safety)	PROJECTED AFTER LEGALIZATION	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
INJURY	39,621	41,919	2,298
FATALITY	1,180	1,229	48

- **Ohio's Law Enforcement Leaders Oppose Issue 2:** The alarming statistics about the projected increase in deaths and injuries from marijuana-impaired drivers is one more reason why Ohio's leading public safety organizations—the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, the Ohio Chiefs of Police and the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police have joined to oppose Issue 2.

Bottom Line: A vote for Issue 2 is a vote to increase traffic deaths and injuries in Ohio. It's not worth one additional fatal crash—let alone 48 more—just so the people who use marijuana can get it more easily.

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