



WHAT'S AT STAKE: NO LIMIT ON THC CONTENT? ***Lower, Less Dangerous Limits Are Outlawed*** ***Unelected Bureaucrats Would Call the Shots***

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's 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 farms and stores.

There is No Specific Limit Set for THC Content: THC is the addictive and powerful chemical in marijuana. The marijuana industry's proposed bill does not set a specific limit on THC content for either plant material or extracts. When THC content limits are eventually set by the Ohio Department of Commerce, there would be no cap on how high they could be set. The Department could also change them or they could eliminate them altogether.

Low, Less-Dangerous THC Limits Are Outlawed: The marijuana industry's proposed bill would prohibit the Department of Commerce from setting a low, less-dangerous limit for THC content. The bill would outlaw any limit that is less than 35%. This, in effect, means there is no limit at all since the highest THC content the industry has so far attained through its plant experimentation efforts is 35%.

Unelected Bureaucrats Get Total Control: The proposed bill would give the Department of Commerce's unelected officials all the authority to set Ohio's specific limits for THC content. These Department employees would also have the power to change the limits or get rid of them altogether.

THC is Powerful and Must be Controlled: Because THC is stored in the body's fat tissue—and our brain's are 60% fat tissue—it can have damaging impacts on mental health, memory, cognition and other essential brain functions. In children, THC can cause permanent developmental delays or disabilities. In extremely high levels and repeated use, THC can contribute to mental illness or psychosis. Its content levels can vary widely in marijuana products and sky-high limits—or no limits at all—would be dangerous to public health.

Bottom Line: THC is a powerful, dangerous substance. It is unacceptable that the marijuana industry would not set a THC limit in its proposed bill, that it would prohibit state regulators from setting low, less-dangerous THC limits and that it wants limits to be set by nameless, faceless, unelected officials that it, assumedly, believes it can more easily influence. Issue 2 is a bad, dangerous deal for Ohio.