



WE
CHANGE
LIVES

Helping end cannabis prohibition
and its harmful effects.

Changing State Laws



Medical Cannabis

33 states + D.C.

Access for qualified medical patients of any age



Adult-Use

10 states + D.C.

Access for adults 21 or over

Americans have greater and greater access to cannabis products as state laws change around the country.



From

To



Unprecedented **CHANGE**

Cannabis is rapidly moving from the illicit market to a regulated one.

This creates an unprecedented **opportunity for oversight and control** over products consumed by millions of Americans.



Regulation now largely falls to state governments.

Under the **current system**, nearly all cannabis products are **subject only to state regulations**. The FDA now has the unprecedented opportunity to create new **evidence-based, standardized regulations**.

Yet despite current limitations, cannabis is used by **millions of Americans**, products have shown little toxicity, and **do not appear to be a significant health risk**.

Regulations do not need to be burdensome.



Now a Broad Range of Products



Flower

Thousands of varieties, each with unique chemical profiles



Extracts

Available as tinctures or concentrates for vaporizers



Infused drinks

Formulations in use for beverages



Infused food

Oil processed with cannabis is infused into food items



INNOVATION

State systems have fostered new products

Smokable products, lipstick and creams, handbags, infused tea and hundreds of food products for adults.

Innovators have only begun to unlock the potential of this newly available product.

So far none of these products has resulted in a serious adverse event report or raised significant safety problems.



FDA



Recognize

How cannabis is already being used

Some cannabis is safely used as a
medicine.

Other cannabis is safely used as a **food
supplement.**

The FDA should treat it like **both.**



FORWARD

OVER-REGULATION KILLS

Legalization followed by over-regulation would mean one step forward and one step back.

Most products today are considered illegal by federal law enforcement and regulators, yet the market is flourishing.

“Legalizing” cannabis, yet treating products made with CBD or THC entirely within the context of a drug classification in all cases would create a significant enforcement challenge.

Instead, the FDA should look where the products are being successfully produced and safely used within regulated state systems, and formalize them.

Rather than work against state systems, the FDA should provide states needed **guidance and support.**





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