

## REASONS UTAH PTA OPPOSES PROP #2

- 1. Dosage is not determined by a licensed physician: The licensed physician "recommends" a patient receive a medical cannabis card, but the patient determines dosage and strength on their own.** Cardholders may obtain two ounces of unprocessed cannabis, an amount equivalent to about 177 joints; or up to 1,000 servings of THC (a psychoactive substance that produces a high) every two weeks.
- 2. Cannabis will be exempt from sales tax.** This will add a substantial fiscal burden on state and local governments. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget estimates enacting the initiative will require \$1.1 million from General State Revenues plus an additional \$400,000 in on-going funds.
- 3. Patients or designated caregivers will be able to purchase, possess, and transport cannabis, a cannabis product, or a medical cannabis device without having a Medical cannabis card until the Inventory control system is in place.** Any criminal charges for the use or possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or marijuana drug paraphernalia during this time will be removed if it can be proven that the patient or caregiver will qualify for the medical cannabis card. There is concern recreational use will increase during the interim. The initiative requires the system to be in place by March 1, 2020.
- 4. After January 2021, a cannabis cardholder or designated caregiver who does not live within 100 miles of a dispensary may grow up to six plants for personal medical use.** The initiative does not give provisions for how these plants will be regulated for THC levels and for safety from pathogens, heavy metals, or pesticides.
- 5. The location of dispensaries are allowed to be zoned within 600 feet of a school, church, public library or public park.** That is less than one city block and less than current zoning laws for smoke and vape stores.
- 6. Research shows states that have legalized cannabis have higher youth use rates than those states where it is illegal.** Utah PTA advocates for ALL children. Some research shows cannabis can be successful helping children with medical challenges, but it has also been proven to lower IQ in developing brains. Cannabis is MEDICINE and should be treated as medicine. We feel that Prop #2 does not adequately protect ALL our children.. (See [https://researchcannabisutah.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/9/9/119989687/5.\\_youth\\_impact.pdf](https://researchcannabisutah.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/9/9/119989687/5._youth_impact.pdf))