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Leaders From Every Region Join Together To Say That Question 4 is Wrong Path For Their Communities

**BOSTON** – A bi-partisan coalition of 119 legislators from every region of the Commonwealth today voiced their opposition to ballot question 4 to legalize the commercial marijuana industry in Massachusetts.

The elected leaders said allowing the billion-dollar marijuana industry into Massachusetts to market highly potent edible products, particularly during an addiction crisis, is the wrong path for the state. Edibles like this account for 50% of the sales in Colorado, and the Massachusetts ballot question specifically authorizes these products and places no potency limit on them. A study released last week found that the number of children aged 0-9 who suffered from marijuana exposure has increased by 150% in Colorado since the state legalized commercial marijuana, including edibles.

The Massachusetts ballot question, which was written by and for the Marijuana industry, sets no limits on the number of producers and sellers, allows people to grow tens of thousands of dollars of marijuana at their homes, even over neighbors' objections, and has been shown to dramatically increase impaired driving in other states that have legalized commercial marijuana.

Massachusetts has already taken major steps to address concerns around this issue. Massachusetts has decriminalized the possession of marijuana - people are not being jailed for marijuana use nor are they receiving a criminal record for such activity. Massachusetts also legalized the use of marijuana for health purposes.

The legislators join elected leaders such as Governor Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Speaker Robert DeLeo, and Attorney General Maura Healey who have come out in opposition to Question 4. The Massachusetts Municipal Association also has opposed this ballot question after a unanimous vote by their board of directors.

Among the group of health care, public safety, business, and child protection experts who have already come out in opposition to this ballot question include: Massachusetts Hospital Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Municipal Association, Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Association of School Superintendents, Construction Industries of Massachusetts, Action for Boston Community Development, Association for Behavioral Healthcare, National Association of Mental Illness (Massachusetts Chapter), Massachusetts Chiefs of Police, Massachusetts Sheriffs Association and all Massachusetts District Attorneys.

### **Senators**

D	Senator	Joseph	Boncore	1st Suffolk and Middlesex
D	Senator	Michael	Brady	2nd Plymouth & Bristol
D	Senator	Harriette	Chandler	1st Worcester
R	Senator	Vinny	deMacedo	Plymouth and Barnstable
D	Senator	Sal	DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
D	Senator	Eileen	Donoghue	1st Middlesex
R	Senator	Ryan	Fattman	Worcester and Norfolk
D	Senator	Jennifer	Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
D	Senator	Anne	Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex
R	Senator	Donald	Humason	2nd Hampden and Hampshire
D	Senator	John	Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth
D	Senator	Barbara	L'Italien	2nd Essex and Middlesex
D	Senator	Jason	Lewis	5th Middlesex
D	Senator	Joan	Lovely	2nd Essex
D	Senator	Mike	Moore	2nd Worcester
R	Senator	Patrick	O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk
D	Senator	Kathleen	O'Connor Ives	1st Essex
D	Senator	Michael	Rodrigues	1st Bristol and Plymouth
R	Senator	Richard	Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
D	Senator	Michael	Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk
R	Senator	Bruce	Tarr	1st Essex and Middlesex
D	Senator	Daniel	Wolf	Cape and Islands

### **Representatives**

D	Representative	James	Arciero	2nd Middlesex
D	Representative	Brian	Ashe	2nd Hampden
D	Representative	Cory	Atkins	14th Middlesex
D	Representative	Bruce	Ayers	1st Norfolk
R	Representative	Jay	Barrows	1st Bristol
D	Representative	Jennifer	Benson	37th Middlesex
R	Representative	Donnie	Berthiaume	5th Worcester
D	Representative	Daniel	Cahill	10th Essex
D	Representative	Thomas	Calter	12th Plymouth
R	Representative	Kate	Campanale	17th Worcester
D	Representative	James	Cantwell	4th Plymouth
D	Representative	Gerard	Cassidy	9th Plymouth

D	Representative	Tackey	Chan	2nd Norfolk
D	Representative	Edward	Coppinger	10th Suffolk
D	Representative	Claire	Cronin	11th Plymouth
D	Representative	Josh	Cutler	6th Plymouth
R	Representative	Angelo	D'Emilia	8th Plymouth
R	Representative	Michael	Day	31st Middlesex
R	Representative	David	Decoste	5th Plymouth
D	Speaker	Robert	Deleo	19th Suffolk

**Representatives Cont.**

D	Representative	Brian	Dempsey	3rd Essex
D	Representative	Marcos	Devers	16th Essex
R	Representative	Geoff	Diehl	7th Plymouth
D	Representative	Diana	DiZoglio	14th Essex
D	Representative	Paul	Donato	35th Middlesex
R	Representative	Shawn	Dooley	9th Norfolk
R	Representative	Peter	Durant	6th Worcester
D	Representative	Jim	Dwyer	30th Middlesex
D	Representative	Carolyn	Dykema	8th Middlesex
R	Representative	Kimberly	Ferguson	1st Worcester
D	Representative	John	Fernandes	10th Worcester
D	Representative	Ann-Margaret	Ferrante	5th Essex
D	Representative	Michael	Finn	6th Hampden
D	Representative	Carole	Fiola	6th Bristol
R	Representative	Paul	Frost	7th Worcester
D	Representative	Denise	Garlick	13th Norfolk
D	Representative	Colleen	Garry	36th Middlesex
D	Representative	Carmine	Gentile	13th Middlesex
D	Representative	Thomas	Golden	16th Middlesex
D	Representative	Patricia	Haddad	5th Bristol
R	Representative	Sheila	Harrington	1st Middlesex
D	Representative	Stephen	Hay	3rd Worcester
D	Representative	Russell	Holmes	6th Suffolk
R	Representative	Steve	Howitt	4th Bristol
D	Representative	Daniel	Hunt	13th Suffolk
R	Representative	Randy	Hunt	5th Barnstable

**Representatives Cont.**

R	Minority Leader	Brad	Jones	20th Middlesex
R	Representative	Hannah	Kane	11th Worcester
D	Representative	Kay	Khan	11th Middlesex
D	Representative	Robert	Koczera	11th Bristol
R	Representative	Kevin	Kuros	8th Worcester
D	Representative	John	Lawn	10th Middlesex
R	Representative	Marc	Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
R	Representative	Jim	Lyons	18th Essex

D	Representative	Elizabeth	Malia	11th Suffolk
D	Representative	Ronald	Mariano	3rd Norfolk
D	Representative	Christopher	Markey	9th Bristol
D	Representative	Joe	McGonagle	28th Middlesex
R	Representative	Joe	McKenna	18th Worcester
D	Representative	Paul	McMurtry	11th Norfolk
D	Representative	James	Miceli	19th Middlesex
D	Representative	Frank	Moran	17th Essex
R	Representative	David	Muradian	9th Worcester
R	Representative	Mathew	Muratore	1st Plymouth
D	Representative	James	Murphy	4th Norfolk
D	Representative	Dave	Nangle	17th Middlesex
D	Representative	Harold	Naughton	12th Worcester
R	Representative	Shaunna	O'Connell	3rd Bristol
R	Representative	Keiko	Orrall	12th Bristol
D	Representative	Jerald	Parisella	6th Essex
D	Representative	Thomas	Petrolati	7th Hampden
D	Representative	William	Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
R	Representative	Elizabeth	Poirier	14th Bristol
D	Representative	Angelo	Pupollo	12th Hampden
D	Representative	John	Rogers	12th Norfolk
D	Representative	Dennis	Rosa	4th Worcester
D	Representative	Jeffrey	Roy	10th Norfolk
D	Representative	Daniel	Ryan	2nd Suffolk
D	Representative	Jeffrey	Sanchez	15th Suffolk
D	Representative	Angelo	Scaccia	14th Suffolk
D	Representative	Paul	Schimd	8th Bristol
D	Representative	John	Scibak	2nd Hampshire
D	Representative	Alan	Silva	7th Bristol
R	Representative	Todd	Smola	1st Hampden
D	Representative	Theodore	Speliotis	13th Essex
D	Representative	Thomas	Stanley	9th Middlesex
D	Representative	Ellen	Story	3rd Hampshire
D	Representative	Walter	Timilty	7th Norfolk
D	Representative	Paul	Tucker	7th Essex
D	Representative	Steven	Ultrino	33rd Middlesex
D	Representative	John	Velis	4th Hampden
R	Representative	David	Vieira	3rd Barnstable
D	Representative	RoseLee	Vincent	16th Suffolk
R	Representative	Timothy	Whelan	1st Barnstable
R	Representative	Susannah	Whipps-Lee	2nd Franklin
R	Representative	Donald	Wong	9th Essex
D	Representative	Jonathan	Zlotnik	2nd Worcester

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