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Medical Marijuana

The laws on marijuana need to be changed. Medical marijuana needs to be legalized in all fifty states. Currently, there are twenty states that have not passed the legalization of medical marijuana. Considering the immense health and cost benefits associated with this drug, there is no reason that using marijuana as a medicine should be illegal.

THC oils in marijuana help to help or even cure patients suffering with: seizures, anxiety, chemotherapy, chronic pain, crohn's disease, depression, glaucoma, hepatitis, and HIV/AIDS. Scientist have found that THC and CBD bind to receptors in the brain and are effective against pain. Furthermore, CBD binds to more than just pain receptors. It appears to work on other signaling systems within the brain and has protective and anti-inflammatory properties.

An NBC news article reported about two-year-old Jaelah Jerger who has epilepsy, and as a baby her tiny body was wracked with up to thirty seizures a day. Her parents tried a drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration, but it didn't work. "Helpless doesn't begin to describe [how it feels]," said her mother, Lelah. The Jergers decided to try a remedy they'd learned about on the internet, CBD oil, An extract from the cannabis plant. According to the Jergers, the impact was immediate. Within a week, Jaelah's seizures were largely gone.

Yes, people could potentially get false prescriptions with the intent to use marijuana recreationally, however recreational use of marijuana serves no real harm to a person either. A study done by the Huffington Post states that roughly sixteen million Americans suffer with some form of anxiety, while only half of these citizens seek professional medical help. All in all, everyone deserves the right to be pain and suffer free. The legalization of medical marijuana is one step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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