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Bible belt vs. Reason and Logic

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Dear North Carolinians:

Here are some spectacular reasons for supporting North Carolina's cannabis bill H577 and HB 324. Of course, we should not stop there. We should have every right to consume cannabis as we have to consume tobacco, alcohol, prescription medicines for kicks and other forms of entertainment like watching television.

According to a study conducted by the Cato Institute entitled "The Budgetary Impact of Ending Drug Prohibition" states can save \$41.3 BILLION per year spent on enforcement of drug laws. In addition states stand to raise roughly \$25 BILLION in state and local tax revenues. The federal government would stand to raise revenues by almost \$16 BILLION. These figures are real and should not be ignored. Unless of course you are a fan of living in a state that is perpetually broke your state stands to benefit entirely from the legalization, not just decriminalization, of marijuana. Don't take my word for it; do your own research!

In the movie "Traffic" the new drug czar, played by Michael Douglas, steps down from his new position after his teenage daughter is afflicted with a drug addiction to cocaine. His final comments were something to the tune of the drug war is a war against Americans, a war against families. According to the North Carolina Department of Corrections there were 41,236 prisoners incarcerated in our state. A quick glance at the report on arrests by state way back in 2000 for marijuana related consumption paints a picture of over

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