

As a citizen of North Dakota, I am writing today in support of North Dakota HB 1420.

I am very much in favor of allowing North Dakota citizens to engage in a legal marketplace to purchase and consume marijuana products as they see fit.

Each individual citizen can make their own decisions about potential gain or harm of consuming marijuana based on their life experience and situation.

It is not government's role to limit its citizens' rights but to expand and protect them.

Today North Dakotans are using a black market to procure the marijuana products they want. This system empowers criminals and threatens consumers.

A legal marketplace offers many advantages including: secure money transactions, tax revenue for states and cities, freeing up scarce law enforcement resources, enhanced packaging requirements, reduced violence and crime, safety and efficacy regulations, and consumer protections.

Legalization in North Dakota would empower the legal marketplace, to the benefit of all North Dakotans.