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Re: Regulation of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Cannabis Products

Mr. Alexander and Ms. Wright,

The Minority Caucus of the Nassau County Legislature writes to you regarding the regulation of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in cannabis products. A recent New York Times article, “Psychosis, Addiction, Chronic Vomiting: As Weed Becomes More Potent, Teens Are Getting Sick”, shed light on the potency of cannabis and the absence of regulations regarding the levels of THC in cannabis products. Although the State has established an extensive regulatory system to govern the sale of cannabis products, the concentrations of THC in cannabis sold to the public remains largely unregulated. The average concentration of THC in cannabis samples seized by the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1995 was four percent (4%). In a span of twenty years, that number has more than quadrupled to an average THC concentration of seventeen percent (17%).

Some manufacturers are now creating cannabis products with concentrations of THC exceeding ninety-five percent.

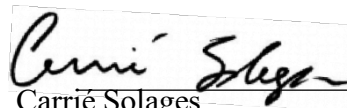
Although THC is not fatal, it can have a negative effect on young people whose brains are still developing according to the Washington State Prevention Research Subcommittee. Frequent use of high potency cannabis can lead to uncontrollable vomiting, addiction, psychosis, long-term psychiatric disorders, an increased likelihood of developing depression and suicidal ideation, changes in brain anatomy and connectivity, and poor memory. And still, there is a void in terms of regulating the potency of cannabis. We must work together to fill this vacuum and develop meaningful regulations that will limit the sale of high potency cannabis. Even simple measures such as requiring manufacturers to display potency levels or the concentration of THC on marijuana packaging will provide valuable information to consumers.

We hope we can work together to inform and protect the residents of New York and Nassau County. We look forward to hearing from you.

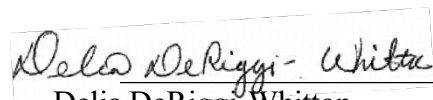
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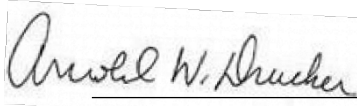

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