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Good afternoon,

I read an article in the local paper regarding the potential increase of another 2% in tax for cannabis. While I understand revenues are down, I wanted to provide some potential insight.

Tax on cannabis is already high. Taxes already went up, so consumers stopped going to dispensaries. They went back to getting it on the black market. That's the main reason revenue for cannabis was down last year. The difference between medical and recreational tax is minimal.

Increasing the tax again will not bring more revenue, it will bring less. As an example, consumers, especially older ones on a fixed income, can't afford to pay a 40% tax load on cannabis that helps them sleep. They will get it wherever they got it before.

There have been hundreds of dispensaries closed due to lack of business. Too much product and too many locations. Before you implement any new cannabis tax, it might be beneficial you to speak with some actual consumers. They are the ones you would be increasing the tax on.

Thank you for your time,

Regards,

CJ Koehn