



## **Vote NO on Issue 2**

On **November 7, 2023**, Ohioans will vote on an initiated statute to legalize recreational marijuana in Ohio. Summary and full text can be found [here](#). The Ohio Republican Party has formally endorsed the “No” position.

### **Protects the safety, well being, and development of Ohio’s children.**

Recreational marijuana leads to increased use by underage kids and small children could consume marijuana-laced foods that look like candy or other snacks. In states like New York that have legalized marijuana, there have been [surges in kids getting sick](#) after accidentally eating cannabis candy. As more states legalized marijuana, between 2017 and 2021, the number of very young children eating edible forms of marijuana [spiked dramatically](#), with many kids ending up in hospitals. In 2021, over [3,000 young children](#) accidentally ate weed edibles.

### **Legalizing marijuana would be a “nightmare” for law enforcement and healthcare communities**

Issue 2 is [opposed](#) by law enforcement associations, such as the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police and Sheriffs Association, and medical ones, such as the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association. Increased use of marijuana is guaranteed to lead to more impaired driving deaths, accidental ingestions, and other serious public safety and health concerns.

### **Legalization would hurt thousands of workers and businesses**

[Ohio Manufacturers Urge a No Vote](#) on Recreational Marijuana due to their concerns over worker safety, absenteeism, rising insurance expenses, and the already low rate of employment participation if this measure were to pass. Issue 2 will make it more difficult to fill manufacturing and other jobs that must continue to require drug tests for workplace safety purposes, passing the burden onto businesses.

## **Recreational Marijuana Does NOT Help Ohio**

*It puts workers at risk.*

*It puts children at risk.*

*It puts families at risk.*

*It puts Ohio at risk.*