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Dear Friend,

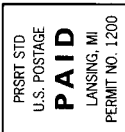
During the November 4, 2008, general election, you will have a chance to play a significant role in Michigan public policy by directly affecting our state's government. In addition to choosing your preferred candidates for state and national office, you will also be able to cast your vote for or against two statewide ballot proposals.

The information in this newsletter is designed to familiarize you with the ballot proposals. Each ballot proposal description is outlined and includes analysis of both sides of the issue. The analyses, which were prepared with bipartisan cooperation, are meant to be informative and do not necessarily reflect my views. The intent is to provide you with arguments for and against each proposal so you can make an informed decision.



Sincerely,

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[2008 BALLOT PROPOSALS]

The information in this newsletter is designed to familiarize you with the proposals that will appear on the ballot this year.



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Proposal 1

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.
- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

People voting YES on this law argue that:

- Allowing terminally and seriously ill patients battling diseases like cancer and HIV/AIDS to use medical marijuana with their doctor's approval will allow patients to relieve their pain and suffering and improve their quality of life.
- Patients in Michigan who are battling diseases like cancer, HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses unfairly face prison by using medical marijuana to relieve their pain and suffering.
- Registry identification cards will allow law enforcement officials to easily regulate medical marijuana use and ensure it is only being used by seriously ill patients who have permission from their doctors. It also establishes penalties for false statements and fraudulent cards.
- Common-sense restrictions will regulate the use of medical marijuana, including prohibiting its use in public places and driving under the influence of marijuana.
- Only people who are seriously ill or dying will legally have access to medical marijuana – not people who will turn around and sell drugs.

People voting NO on this law argue that:

- Legalizing a drug that has a detrimental effect on society will open the door to increased drug abuse, crime and the denigration of society.
- Legalizing medical marijuana is the first step toward complete legalization of marijuana, and eventually other drugs.
- Legalizing medical marijuana would make it easier for kids and residents who are not seriously or terminally ill to obtain and use marijuana.
- Since there is no way for law enforcement officials to regulate or measure the intake of marijuana, registered users who decide to drive under the influence would be a threat to public safety.

Proposal 2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos –
 - are created for fertility treatment purposes;
 - are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
 - would be discarded unless used for research;
 - were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.
- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
- Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

People voting YES on this amendment argue that:

- Stem cells hold great promise for researchers who are searching for effective treatments for people who are suffering from life-altering and debilitating diseases and injuries, such as Parkinson's disease, juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's disease and cancer.
- Using donated embryos that go unused in fertility treatments will allow doctors and researchers to find cures for serious diseases and debilitating injuries, including paralysis.
- Unused embryos from fertility treatments will be used only with the donors' consent to find life-saving cures, rather than being discarded as medical waste.
- This proposal will strictly prohibit the sale of human embryos for stem cell research.

People voting NO on this amendment argue that:

- Regulated human embryonic stem cell research is already legal in Michigan and has been conducted in the state for years. Unrestricted research on human embryos, however, is not legal.
- Federal law currently has no restrictions on human embryonic research. By allowing any research on human embryos that is permitted under federal law, the proposal would allow unregulated and unrestricted research in Michigan.
- Amending the constitution to allow unrestricted research on human embryos would remove the Legislature's ability to regulate stem cell research.
- Human life must be protected.

Voter 1

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Voter 2

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