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Horwitz on Legalizing Marijuana

Professor Andrew Horwitz outlines why legalizing marijuana in Rhode Island is a good idea; Attorney General Peter Kilmartin '98 argues why it might not be.

From Motif Magazine: "In Their Own Words: Cannabis"

April 6, 2016: We received verbatim responses from two leading proponents and two leading opponents of cannabis taxation and regulation. We have not censored their responses or fact-checked their claims — we just want you to know what they're thinking. [...]



In Their Own Words: Andrew Horwitz

"I don't think there is any question that legalizing and regulating marijuana would enhance our local economy. New businesses would develop and thrive and our tax base would increase exponentially. I do not see any reason to believe that any industries other than the illegal drug trade and the prison industrial complex would be harmed. ..."



In Their Own Words: Peter Kilmartin '98

"While there is a push by proponents in all New England states to legalize recreational marijuana, it is my hope that Rhode Island does not go down that path. There are too many unknowns associated with legalizing recreational marijuana, which in essence is a whole new industry. ... "