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The ink is barely dry on our preliminary draft of our initiative and we are already a serious subject of an editorial by the Orange County Register, a conservative newspaper based in the most conservative part of Southern California. We all understand that So Cal will determine whether legalization passes or fails in California, so this editorial support is definitely a very positive sign we can succeed, especially with former Orange County judge James Gray as our Chief Proponent. See the full editorial here: <http://www.ocregister.com/opinion/marijuana-290505-use-legalization.html>

Our initiative, The Marijuana Regulation and Tax Act of 2012, was written by Jack Herer's personal attorney, Bill McPike, who is our Chief Counsel and was recently featured in The National Law Journal. Bill and other attorneys believe that Jack's initiative, the CCHH 2012 is fatally flawed and would be overturned in court, since it deals with multiple issues. Voter initiatives in California that involve more than one issue are expressly forbidden by our state constitution. That's why Bill wrote our initiative and that is why he is asking Jack's supporters to switch to our initiative. (See The National Law Journal story about Bill McPike at: <http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1202462842284&slreturn=1&hbxlogin=1>)

There are no new laws or taxes in our bill, only the full repeal of all the laws against cannabis for those 21 and older. Our team believes that so long as a single marijuana law remains on the books, police and prosecutors will find ways to use those horrible laws to punish and hurt otherwise law abiding citizens. Also, we heard the message of the No on Prop. 19 folks loud and clear. Out of respect for their concerns, we have specifically protected small growers by making their first 50 pounds and 99 plants exempt from taxes and regulations. The only crime we add is for police and public officials who attempt to subvert legalization. You can easily compare our initiative with others by going here: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150140126001955&set=a.71411121954.106184.620261954&theater>

Some have raised their concern that our initiative creates or modifies laws about smoking cannabis in public, operating motor vehicles, using cannabis in your home, etc. Not so. Unlike Prop. 19, our initiative "...expressly does not repeal, modify or change any present laws or regulations..." so nothing is changed for these activities from the way the law stands currently. And our initiative makes it clear that nothing in our act may be used to limit or restrict the rights of medical marijuana patients.

Members of our team will attend the "Next Steps" meeting in So Cal on Saturday, March 19th.

Unfortunately, I have a prior engagement and cannot attend. Judge Gray is scheduled to speak at 4:30 PM. To purchase a ticket to this event

see: [https://secure2.convio.net/dpa/site/Ecommerce/1275103829?VIEW\\_PRODUCT=true&product\\_id=1781&store\\_id=1101](https://secure2.convio.net/dpa/site/Ecommerce/1275103829?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=1781&store_id=1101)

We are already raising money and our first checks have arrived. Our immediate goal is to raise \$25,000 for focus group studies and basic operations. After that we plan to raise \$75,000 to ensure we are polling at 60% or more. Assuming we stay on schedule, we believe we can obtain the necessary signatures for \$1.4 million.

I raised \$500,000 for Prop. 215 and I raised \$600,000 for my legal defense fund. Within Libertarian circles are people who have written me checks of \$10,000 or more in the past. I can and will raise the \$2 million we will need for this campaign.

Nothing in this initiative is set in stone and we invite comments and suggestions, now, while we still have a little more time to make changes. Please send your comments and suggestions to me at [steve@kubby.com](mailto:steve@kubby.com). To see the current version of our initiative, please go here: [http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=10150144731535239&id=620261954](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10150144731535239&id=620261954)

To learn more about our truly extraordinary Chief Proponent James Gray, please watch this Reason Magazine video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6t1EM4Onao>

To become an official founding supporter of The Marijuana Regulation and Tax Act of 2012, send your contribution of \$100 or more to Tax Marijuana 2012, PO Box 13591, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151.

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