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Hello,

Let me start by saying, as a worker in the cannabis industry, I am aware of how much competition we already have with the black market, and raising cannabis taxes will only increase the demand for black market cannabis. I think a large part of the reason California has so many unregulated/illegal dispensaries is because it is cheaper to get your cannabis from them, compared to the legitimate dispensaries; my own family members have shown me the websites they use for illicit delivery services of cannabis. Also, when cannabis was first becoming recreationally legal, part of what convinced people that cannabis taxes were good was because we were told the money would go to Education and Drug Treatment Programs, but the money has also been going to the Police and to any other civil projects cities have been wanting to do. If cities want more money for their random civil projects they should be finding a way to get that tax money from everyone in the community, not just targeting cannabis users so we can subsidize your projects without having to raise taxes on everyone else.

Thank you.