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To Representatives Munoz and Kerttula and Senator Egan

I would like to voice my support for the passage of HB 7 and SB 17 banning synthetic marijuana and the chemical substances that these "Herbal Incense" are laced with.

I feel that for this product to be sold off the shelf by local businesses to anyone is a criminal act and the penalties should be severe enough to discourage the sale and distribution of this meth like product.

The target market for synthetic pot, in my opinion, is typically anyone that is trying to avoid drug use detection by their employers, (including the military), as well as students participating in school sports at districts that have a drug testing program in place.

While people over 18 should know better than to smoke this substance, many do not understand the consequences of inhaling the unregulated chemicals sprayed on these herbs. I fear that the drug is going to cause irreparable harm or death to someone, and sadly that someone will likely be under the age of 18 to get the public's attention and to shed the light on the potential harm that this product can cause. However, passage of a law to criminalize the sale and possession can help circumvent that concern.

The Federal Government regulates the importation of toys painted with lead from China, sometimes not all that well quite honestly. Alaska should join the ranks of several other states that have already passed legislation of this particular poison from being so readily available on store shelves.

We don't need to make it easy for people to gain access to this drug.

Thank you,

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