On **Wednesday, March 22**the Judiciary Committee is holding a Public Hearing at **10:00 am in Room 2C** of the LOB to hear testimony on proposed bills, including one that would legalize marijuana. The bill was introduced by Senate President Martin Looney (D-New Haven, Hamden, North Haven).

Because it was introduced by the leadership of the majority party,  this bill has strong potential of being voted out of committee (one step closer to legalization). It is essential that we educate legislators, especially in-person on the day of the hearing.

**What you and your coalition members can do to help stop the legalization of marijuana in CT:**

1. Join CT SAM and its partners in the Stop Pot CT coalition for a **rally on the steps of the Captiol** starting at**9:15 am on Wednesday, March 22**.

2. **Testify in front of the Judiciary Committee**. Explain how marijuana impacts your community and share some of the negative consequences it has had in states where it is already legalized (additional resources below). If you cannot testify in person, submit testimony via email.

3. **Meet with your legislators** to educate them about the dangers of marijuana. Drop off the CT SAM K**NO**w Marijuana handout and direct them to the SAM and HIDTA reports (below).

**Let us know how you plan to take action**[**here**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini1-ZKhu_TmYgiGRTjalKUXro1nHHB6Cgb0jzGEgnifksWWhsYEjSdajDx6YU53Lamke2zLGu_Tn6RGuIO89fWyeBitKWmqa2E9VUzb9IXRLR_YTbFK6GM9aYK-SjheDvdUUpWIMog11P7iotnWsKnRFSM6PdeopkbSZyr7NRKC-8VseeqbZj7LIp9GMlh9OIKG619lfcABFhIxrwQdn2A0g3L-h3fzNagnJKsY7wXO_NJ&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==)**!**

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| **Rally and Public Hearing Details** |
| **Rally**> Meet on the steps of the Capitol (210 Capitol Ave.) by 9:15 am> Speakers address the crowd until 9:45 am> Proceed to the LOB to attend the hearing and/or visit legislators **Public Hearing**> 10:00 am in Room 2C at the Legislative Office Building (300 Capitol Ave.)> Speaker order is assigned by lottery. **Numbers will be drawn between 7:30 - 9:30 am** in Room 2500 of the LOB. > Speakers must **submit 50 copies** of tesitomy (keep it under 5 pages/3 minutes) prior to 9:00 am in Room 2500.> If you cannot be there in person, submit testimony via email to judtestimony@cga.ct.gov **Parking**> Limited free parking in the LOB garage> Metered street parking> Public parking allowed in parking garage on Oak Street (across from State Library/diagonal from the LOB) |
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| **Resources** |

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| **Use the CAPP template above and these resources to frame your testimony. Be sure to include local data and anecdotes about the negative consequences of marijuana.** CAPP testimony from Public Health Committee | [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini10Ue4eWxRBsEFVPmJ4CstCGMgevYGi8ddx4T0tvOMnssd3tcM96PXe9HwAbdEv54oGR2EvA5iwTBwPliy0rMsAV2UnFEkA5VZPR_P9aXu5DyzmhM5P2PJ2Vx34Cweb-PERo3fwCyJYg-I6HtrTQR_vAdCC01g8-hz5JHS4GmgMQJTn4_zDuFqc4=&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==) CT SAM "K**NO**W Marijuana" fact sheet  |  [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini12WExhw4XPeebgWp2wYaKGrSguTGMwCmgUlyX3M-quaGy635z4ftFEVnZiEa4L94AFWA3-PdnrjN0KVNkg4qNscjbLY8ULeItiBY9MjGk96QYP2F-11YGMGWBqcszkXSF42HtArJBvgNyvM7FKXLk8D-m7jCszLuE_tY8DyxI0Gr&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==) One-pager on the relationship between marijuana, opioid pain meds, and heroin by evaluator Archie Swindell  |  [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini12WExhw4XPeeG9C-U2bJVN5uoGgAth6qLPC2jHDGKkt8Tik7WIgwlbqzPq54q5FfsYNPP63yjmxvCi8j9XU7C1lPIhWIEyZsowHMf9RtoDveNuq5oBviR8lvInfRZ3vWTGkHkRn-yYf6OfSHvfzNWDflvMWXpuP2aL1kqd_3Isoh2nPTSbC-E3c=&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==) 2017 Legislator Look-book  |  [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini12WExhw4XPeetp23ndenxS2DBIUunbLzj60nbRievscpFM8_IMeomL13UeNfQlx8z0sCSJXYaTqAG30w7IuX4Fs7-I7SVP5P6aC9DT0S6n8a436uWy9jhSDAp9vw4n9AeswUovQml04tIAnSpKqNpo0X6GqzsTy3w8l39R1seGAld_LTBuJXaxo=&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==) The Negative Impact of Marijuana fact sheet | [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini11QhPljUlwWkaA_MuPa06jpg2CIVvg0llgRZMN-CfAdZxgUM3gopSQ1KLu4O3VLsR_OKAgl7hT8RG9o3aM8UKY2vu9T5mQsVjQyzpMzZmnb1VOR7T8NeHLaQNuQWjMl6SP6x_ZBw3E0JBsnJc4_ASiGOrTD13y4YFB4RG7NNZ8rmGQ4rbv3jNeI=&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==) SAM and HIDTA reports and fact sheets | [Click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-tSgTzfENGNFdbod2qoouDrrHtkMgQWLhTIJcDyzpiIhD9fO_ini1-b5I1KhlTSLEgt2ujsWnEbXft8Yxi0fYoX36GSIMpdNSjizRwv_BGKid3IH96YZRsrVdCt7y4msbbZy_Eh8uCD7Gjy2XSaZfKh7nnXirF3F&c=--c5zjTOQE_gAlOGwO_QKJ2HKPZidZTSMLtUOqnHpGFkuif7Df0kbw==&ch=Ahxv_9AuYmUscG3ZUzKNMWuaL7DD43GaWQYktzxWz2rqgBVm24XTlw==)  |

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| **Media Coverage** |

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| **Below is a list of all media coverage of the Press Conference and Public Hearing of the Public Health Committee on March 7. That bill was killed in Committee (aka will not have a chance to become law).** **Channel 3** <http://www.wfsb.com/clip/13156243/lawmakers-discuss-possibility-of-legalizing-recreational-marijuana> **Channel 8**<http://wtnh.com/2017/03/07/debate-over-recreational-marijuana-use-lights-up-at-capitol/> **NBC CT**<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Marijuana-Debate-Starts-at-Connecticuts-Capitol-415635883.html>  **Fox 61**<http://fox61.com/2017/03/07/opinions-mixed-on-marijuana-legalization-in-connecticut/>  **Hartford Courant**<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-marijuana-public-hearing-20170306-story.html>  **Stamford Advocate, CT Post**<http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/local/article/Public-hearing-Tuesday-on-legalizing-marijuana-10978671.php>  **Waterbury Republican - partial link only. need subscription**<http://www.rep-am.com/news/news-local/2017/03/07/pot-issue-hotly-debated/>  **New Haven Independent**<http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/marijuana_debate_story/> 1 **Monroe Courier**<http://www.monroecourier.com/45695/group-asks-residents-to-oppose-marijuana-legalization/> **CT News Junkie/New Haven Register**<http://www.ctnewsjunkie.com/archives/entry/debate_on_recreational_marijuana_takes_center_stage/>  **WDRC 3/8 Don Shubert interview**<http://www.talkofconnecticut.com/the-brad-dan-show/2017/03/08/brad-dan-podcast--mar-8-2017-don-shubert-on-why-construction-industry-opposes-legal-pot>  **WDRC 3/7 John Salvatore interview**<http://www.talkofconnecticut.com/the-brad-dan-show/2017/03/07/brad-dan-podcast--mar-7-2017-connecticut-police-chiefs-association-president-john-salvatore-opposes-legal-marijuana>  **Channel 3 Face the State 3/12**<http://www.wfsb.com/clip/13163465/debate-over-legalization-of-recreational-marijuana-continues> **Fox 61 morning show interview (Cision clip)**<https://us.vocuspr.com/ViewNewsOnDemand.aspx?Email=kathy@alliancesbyalisa.com&Date=3/11/2017+8:21:03+AM&ArticleID=3392309_25729_126617023>   |

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