



A Better Way Foundation is a Connecticut non-profit organization that is dedicated to a sensible shift in drug policy from one of incarceration to substance abuse treatment and public health.

Connecticut needs you to support common sense drug policy.

This year the Connecticut Legislature is considering **Senate Bill 349: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA**. This bill will “create a more sensible state policy regarding marijuana possession by classifying the possession of a small amount of marijuana as an infraction”.

58% of CT voters support marijuana decriminalization

According to Connecticut’s Office of Fiscal Analysis Senate Bill 349 will result in:

- Reduced arrest and incarceration of thousands of CT residents
- Savings for state departments and revenue for the state budget
- Law enforcement using money and staff to investigate violent crimes
- More resources for treatment, education and access to addiction services
- Reclassifying possession under half an ounce as an infraction, with a fine of \$250
- Eighteen years would receive an infraction, minors are considered youthful offenders



Fiscally reducing simple possession to an infraction of half an ounce makes sense:



- Savings of \$3.8 million for state law enforcement
- Savings of \$26.2 million for local law enforcement
- Savings of \$970,000 for state courts
- Savings of \$1.0 million for probation
- Revenue of an additional \$900,000 each year from fines



Call your Senator and tell him/her you support **Senate Bill 349**

**It’s hard enough to find a job in this economy.
With a possession conviction it’s even harder.**

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