

# LEGISLATE RESPONSIBLY!

## End prohibition | Protect patients | Legalize with equity

It's time for Rhode Island to take a more responsible approach to cannabis. Regulate Rhode Island, a coalition of constituents and community leaders, is calling on the General Assembly to **amend Article 20 of the budget and legalize marijuana the right way.**

### ➤ End prohibition and regulate marijuana like alcohol for adult use

*Amend Article 20 to:*

- Permit adults to cultivate up to six cannabis plants in their home;
- Establish protections against employment discrimination for off-the-job cannabis use; and
- Eliminate restrictions on product potency.

### ➤ Protect patients and prioritize access and affordability

*Amend Article 20 to:*

- Maintain patient and caregiver rights to cultivate medical cannabis;
- Eliminate taxes for cannabidiol (CBD) products; and
- Expand the number of compassion centers and promote competition in the market.

### ➤ Legalize with equity and support victims of the war on drugs

*Amend Article 20 to:*

- Require regulators to study the negative social effects stemming from enforcement of marijuana prohibition and identify communities in the state that have been disproportionately impacted;
- Establish a social reinvestment fund to support socially and economically beneficial programs in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition;
- Allow individuals to expunge their criminal record for any prior marijuana offense that did not involve distribution to a minor or driving under the influence; and
- Establish a program to provide interest-free loans and technical assistance to cannabis businesses that are majority-owned by people from disproportionately impacted communities.