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I voted against Medical Marijuana in the form it was presented today in the House for the following factors:

It does not resemble the ballot initiative which was created by the people during the referendum process.

Grows government. I promised to work to limit the growth of government.

Grows Taxes: I promised to work to decrease taxes.

Increases Regulation. I promised to work against. Additionally, it increases the burden on our Law Enforcement.

We proposed 2 amendments. One preventing members of Legislature from ever entering into the Medical Marijuana business in any form. Result: more members voted for their own potential personal gain than not, so that amendment failed. The other proposed amendment removed a portion of the tax, noting medicine is not taxed- it too failed as more members were in favor of the special tax on Medical Marijuana and raising revenue on the backs of sick Mississippians.

In conclusion, placing the industry under our Department of Health, provides our State Government with incentive to further grow and regulate the industry. If we claim this is for Medical use, which the Bill states, why are we, as a Legislature, voluntarily placing an enormous tax on the sick. I promised to work to limit taxes, limiting the size and scope of our Government, work within our current budget, and to decrease regulation. The program itself grows government, without the consideration of the added burden it places on Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement has consistently expressed their lack of support. Outside of these factors, it's simply not a small business/small farming bill, even in the short-term. This Bill, by any view, works against many of my promises.

Respectfully,

Brady B. Williamson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brady B. Williamson".