



Alicia Kallen calls for marijuana decriminalization.

Alicia Kallen will fight for common sense on drug reform. Alicia Kallen says that Virginia is behind the rest of the country, underfunding drug rehabilitation and wasting resources on marijuana enforcement. Kallen agrees with Ralph Northam and Ed Gillespie, both of whom have come out for reform in different degrees. After 24 years in the assembly, the current incumbent took the bold step of referring the issue for study. “Study is not needed, action is.” Kallen agrees with Lieutenant Governor Northam that marijuana should be decriminalized, and Kallen says it should be done immediately.

With over half the states allowing medical marijuana, several states decriminalizing, and a few legalizing, it is clear that these have all been successes. Less domestic violence, less waste of resources, less use of opiates for health problems. Additionally to decriminalizing, legal sales should be the goal.

The tax revenue from sales has been a great boon to the citizens of Oregon and Colorado, and there is no desire among the population to repeal that move. Legalization would take a year to two to study whether it should be through ABC stores, or private, and how best to insure that it remains illegal for minors, just as alcohol and cigarettes are now.