Dear Marijuana (Cannabis) Industry - We will not let others fall victim to your scam.

We've had it with you:
You said your “miracle drug” would treat and cure a laundry list of illnesses.
You claimed your drug to be a harmless substance used safely since the dawn of civilization.
You said, “It’s unfair!” that alcohol is a legal drug and marijuana isn’t.
You said, “Kids will be ID’d at our stores to prevent youth use of the drug.”
You promised drug cartels and the black market would be put out of business by your competition.
You said that racial inequality in drug arrests would be solved.
You said buckets of taxes would be collected to be directed toward education budgets.
You said law enforcement was to be freed from work regulating use of marijuana.

What we now know:
You took your “natural herb” and modified it into strains of highly potent psychotropic chemicals, increased its power of addiction and developed enticing new delivery methods.
Your drug causes an illness called hyperemesis syndrome, or cyclic vomiting.
Your drug causes cannabis use disorder, creates depression and anxiety.
Your drug causes psychosis, schizophrenia and cannabis-induced suicide.
You marketed your drug to young people to attract lifelong users.
You don’t ID our kids at your stores. They go to the gray and black markets, get it at school and home.
You located your drug stores in low income neighborhoods ensuring the most vulnerable people would become addicted. Drug arrests of people of color have increased, not decreased.
Your drug increased the black market for drugs.
You set the stage for drug cartels to thrive in legal states such as CO, OR, WA and CA. Foreign and domestic cartels have increased the need for local, state and federal law enforcement.
You lobby for lower taxes reducing any potential funding for education.
Your buckets of taxes? They look like large numbers of dollars but they are a tiny sliver of a percent in a state budget. Do youth drug use prevention organizations receive any of the taxes collected from the “legal” sales of your drug? Not that we have seen. Instead, we increasingly find schools reluctant to include your drug, marijuana, in any drug use prevention education work that they do allow.

We will not be complicit in your scam.
We will do our best to expose your duplicity.

Sincerely,
-Parents of children who have died because of your drug
-Families of those whose brains and lives have been ruined from use of your drug
-Partners of users who have lost their relationships when your drug became the new love of their life
-Children of parents who neglect or abuse them due to use of your drug
-Employers who cannot find an adequate workforce who can pass a drug test because of your drug
-Educators trying to teach impaired students thanks to your drug’s odorless delivery systems
-Law enforcement increasingly engaged in regulating a dangerous “legal” market in your drug
-Drug use prevention organizations struggling to protect youth from the brain damage and loss of IQ caused by your drug