THE NORML FOUNDATION FREEDOM CARD
The U.S. Constitution prohibits the government from interrogating with your right to remain silent, to consult with an attorney, and to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by law enforcement. However, it is up to you to assert these rights. This NORML Foundation Freedom Card will help you do so effectively.
If you are confronted by a police officer, remain calm. Be courteous and provide your identification. Politely refuse to answer any further questions. Ask to talk to an attorney. Do not consent to any search of your person, your property, your residence or your vehicle. Tell the officer you would like to give him or her this card, which is a statement of the constitutional rights you wish to invoke. Do not reach for this card until you have obtained the officer's permission to do so.
If the officer fails to honor your rights, remain calm and polite, ask for the officer's identifying information and ask him or her to note your objection in the report. Do not attempt to physically resist an unlawful arrest, search or seizure. If necessary, you may point out the violations to a judge at a later time.

KEEP THIS CARD WITH YOU

- I hereby invoke and refuse to waive all of the following rights and privileges afforded to me by the U.S. Constitution:
  - I invoke and refuse to waive my Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. Do not ask me any questions.
  - I invoke and refuse to waive my Sixth Amendment right to an attorney of my choice. Do not ask me any questions without my attorney present.
  - I invoke and refuse to waive all privileges and rights pursuant to the case Miranda v. Arizona. Do not ask me any questions or make any comment to me about this decision.
  - I invoke and refuse to waive my Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.
  - If I do not consent to any search or seizure of myself, my home, or any property in my possession. Do not ask me about my ownership interest in any property. I do not consent to this contact with you. If I am not presently under arrest or under investigatory detention, please allow me to leave.
- Any statement I make, or alleged consent I give, in response to your questions is hereby made under protest and under duress and in submission to your claim of lawful authority to force me to provide you with information.

Get Involved Check List

- Register to Vote: Your vote counts, and your legislators are more open to listening to what voters have to say. Visit the Political Action page of our website for a link to register.
- Contact Your Legislators: Call, mail postcards, write letters, send emails. Make sure that your is voice heard. Visit the Political Action page of our website for a link to find your legislators.
- Attend our Monthly Meetings: One of the best ways to get involved is to attend our monthly meetings. Visit the Events page of our website for dates, times, and locations. Invite a friend, everyone is welcome.
- Volunteer with NORML: We have 5 VOLUNTEER GROUPS to help organize our volunteer activities. Visit the Volunteer page of our website, and select ONE group that best suits your interests and abilities. Sign-up TODAY.
- Become a NORML Member: The more members that we have, the more your legislators are willing to listen to our point of view on cannabis. You empower our voice.
- Donate: We know some supporters can’t be open about their support for various reasons. WE’RE HERE FOR YOU. We’ll wear the shirts, we’ll hold the rally signs, we’ll educate the public, and we’ll lobby our legislators, just make your donation at www.NORMLSC.org TODAY.
- Become a Sponsor: We can help your business reach consumers that are interested in supporting legal cannabis-based accessories, products, and services. For sponsor info send an email to LowcountryNORML@gmail.com

Lowcountry NORML
A South Carolina chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws
A Voice for Responsible Cannabis Supporters
Since it’s founding in 1970, NORML has provided a voice in the public policy debate for those Americans who oppose marijuana prohibition. As a nonprofit public-interest advocacy group, NORML represents the interests of the tens of millions of Americans who support the responsible use of cannabis.

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JOIN OUR MISSION. TOGETHER WE STAND

NORML’s mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to legalize the responsible use of marijuana by adults, and to serve as an advocate for consumer to assure they have access to high quality marijuana that is safe, convenient, and affordable. Today NORML continues to lead the fight to reform state and federal marijuana laws, whether by voter initiative or through the elected legislatures. Our organization serves as an informational resource to the media on marijuana-related stories, providing a perspective to offset the anti-marijuana propaganda from the government.

Lowcountry NORML’s Areas of Focus

Our first area of focus is MEDICAL MARIJUANA. The reasons for supporting MMJ are obvious to most people, the biggest is to help ease suffering, and promote health. The endocannabinoid system utilizes cannabis in healing, and cannabis works with all of our bodily systems to aid with homeostasis of those systems.

Second we have the issue of veterans suffering from PTSD. Not only does cannabis help those suffering medical issues, it helps with psychological issues as well. Our government is willing to spend billions of dollars on products that take lives, in the process putting soldiers at risk of losing their lives, but they’re not willing to support the soldiers who choose to find a safer medication to treat their PTSD. I have a higher standard of caring than that, I hope you do too.

Third on our list is HEMP. Many are calling cannabis a medicine, and we agree that it has healing properties, but we see cannabis as a nutrient, a food source. Hemp seeds have been described as a “perfect protein” as they contain all 20 amino acids. They also pack in omega-3 & omega-6 fatty acids, which improve heart health.

HEMP is also a great resource for textiles and fuel. It can be used for making paper and cloth, and we believe that hemp plastics will end the need for petroleum-based plastics. Hemp can save thousands of trees. Do you want to save the rain forest? The answer is hemp.

The fourth item we choose to address is CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE law reform. It has recently been reported that law enforcement has taken more assets from people without convicting them of a crime, than all other criminal thefts combined. We at Lowcountry NORML believe that police should protect & serve, not steal & lie.

Fifth on the list is DECRIMINALIZATION. Decriminalization is NOT legalization, but it could make possession and public use of cannabis a summary offense as opposed to a criminal offense. More like a speeding ticket than a murder charge.

The sixth and final item on our list is the LEGALIZATION of cannabis. Thousands and thousands of people are in for-profit prisons for nothing more than possessing a small amount of cannabis. It is NOT cannabis that ruins lives, it is the prohibition of cannabis, and the war on otherwise law abiding citizens. Regulate cannabis, tax cannabis, make cannabis legal, it will improve a lot of lives.

There is the revenue...

...that can be used in a myriad of ways. South Carolina is a beautiful state. Although, our state could use some TLC:
1. The National Transport Research Group, or TRIP, states that South Carolina ties 1st place in the nation for traffic fatalities in conjunction with deteriorated, congested roads and bridges. These roads and bridges also cost drivers $3 billion statewide annually.
2. In 2015, South Carolina finished 43rd in the nation with a D+ on the state report card for education.
3. We are rated as the 7th most dangerous state with 497.7 violent crimes per 100,000.

Tax revenue generated from an industry that breaks into millions, sometimes billions, can create statewide programs to rejuvenate South Carolina.

(Above: Projected U.S. Economic Impact)