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*From The Office of State Representative Kelly Cassidy*

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## **Illinois House Passes Rep. Cassidy's HB 1438 to Legalize and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis**

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, “I applaud my fellow members of the Illinois House of Representatives for their historic vote today on House Bill 1438 – legislation that promises to usher in a new, smarter era of cannabis regulation in our state.”

“For a long time, it has been apparent that cannabis prohibition does not work. It has been too easy for young people to get access to cannabis, the potency and toxicity of which could not be evaluated. Too many people of color were being arrested for things others did with impunity. When Gov. Pritzker signs this bill into law, we will chart a path of legalization, regulation and taxation that will work for *all* Illinoisans.”

“I am proud to have played a part in shaping and advancing this legislation. It will promote social equity and just enforcement of the law while beginning to address some of the damage done during the so-called ‘War on Drugs.’ HB 1438 is a model for other states in its commitment to equity and criminal justice reform, and it could never have happened without the dedication and hard work of my fellow sponsors – particularly Sen. Heather Steans, Sen. Toi Hutchinson, and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth; in thanking my House colleagues today, I add a special thanks to these three remarkable women.”

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