

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
SAVE ARKANSAS FROM EPIDEMIC (SAFE)

Comes now Affiant, David Burnett, duly deposed upon oath, and states:

1. My name is David Burnett.
2. I am over the age of 18, a citizen and resident of the State of Arkansas, am competent to make the statements herein, make the statements herein based upon my own personal knowledge, or based upon my own personal experience. I know of no reason why I could not make the statements herein.
3. I am the Chair of the Save Arkansas From Epidemic Ballot Question Committee.
4. I am a certified law enforcement official in the State of Arkansas, currently serving as the Chief of Police of a small municipal jurisdiction. I have been a certified law enforcement officer for more than twenty-eight (28) years.
5. I have used, and have been associated with police departments (and Sheriff's Departments) that have used dogs for the purpose of identifying illegal narcotics, illegal marijuana, and other illegal substances.
6. Generally, "drug dogs" are trained across multiple illegal substances at the same time, to maximize their utility, and to minimize training costs.
7. In Arkansas, it can take at least \$5,000 to train a dog to help interdict illegal drugs, including the associated training for the dog's handler.
8. If marijuana is "legalized" with the proposed constitutional amendment, all of the dogs used to interdict drugs in the State of Arkansas would be rendered useless, because they cannot be "untrained" to recognize marijuana; consequently new drug dogs would have to be acquired, trained, and used to replace existing dogs.
9. Assuming at least 100 drug dogs in use in various jurisdictions in the State of Arkansas, the cost of replacements, including training, would be at least \$500,000.00, if the proposed amendment to legalize recreational marijuana passes.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.



David Burnett

VERIFICATION

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized and acting, by the person well-known to me, or satisfactorily identified to me, as David Burnett, who stated that he made the foregoing Affidavit for the purposes therein stated and acknowledged that he had so signed, executed and delivered said foregoing instrument for the consideration, uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16th day of August, 2022.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

2/5/2025

[Notary

