



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Liz Krueger

## Statement From Senator Liz Krueger On The Marijuana Regulation And Taxation Act

LIZ KRUEGER June 19, 2019

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**Albany** - State Senator Liz Krueger released the following statement today regarding S.1527, the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act:

"It is clear now that MRTA is not going to pass this session. This is not the end of the road, it is only a delay. Unfortunately, that delay means countless more New Yorkers will have their lives up-ended by unnecessary and racially disparate enforcement measures before we

inevitably legalize.

"Through months of negotiation and conversation with the Governor's office and my legislative colleagues, we made great strides to improve our bill and bring more people on board. We came very close to crossing the finish line, but we ran out of time.

"I will continue to push for a tax-and-regulate adult-use program with all the right safeguards in place, one that centers on restorative justice and reinvestment in the communities most harmed by decades of failed prohibition policies.

"We will build on the success of other states who have chosen to legalize, including many of our neighbors. I have no doubt that prohibition is an outdated and irrational policy, and its days are numbered."

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