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Statement by Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Read by Mark Passerini Oregon Congressional Representative Earl Blumenauer recently introduced two bills that would legalize and regulate marijuana at the federal level! Contact your U.S. Congressional Representative today and urge them to support House Resolutions 1013 & 1014 <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/US-Congress.shtml>

Rick Thompson

Rick Thompson is a cannabis media specialist and an energetic featured speaker. He is the editor of The Compassion Chronicles; writes for The Weed Blog and many other outlets; does writing/photography for print publications including High Times, Culture Magazine, HybridLife and the American Cultivator; co-hosts the Planet Green Trees Radio Show; and is on the Board of Directors of Michigan NORML, Americans for Safe Access- Michigan, and the MiLegalize Committee. www.thecompassionchronicles.com www.milegalize.com

Stacia Cosner

Stacia is the Deputy Director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy. She joined SSDP as an Outreach Director in June 2009, was promoted to Associate Director in January 2011, then promoted to Deputy director in June 2013. Stacia joined her campus SSDP chapter as a freshman at the University of Maryland. While a sophomore in college, Stacia spent her summer in the national SSDP office as an intern. www.ssdp.org

Chuck Ream

In 2004 he "retired" to lead the Ann Arbor medical marijuana campaign to victory; over 74% of voters said "yes". Since then he has led or funded a number of other citywide victories. He co-founded the Safer Michigan Coalition to unite Michigan's most effective cannabis activists. www.milegalize.com

Reid Murdoch

Reid is a second year law student from Nebraska. He leads the SSDP chapter at the University of Michigan Law School. He first became involved with SSDP in 2012 as a graduate of St. Olaf College, and was elected to the SSDP Board of Directors in October 2014. In addition to drug policy, he focuses his studies on criminal justice reform and defense work. www.ssdp.com/law

Attorney John Ter Beek- 1987 Graduate of University of San Francisco School of Law. Since I moved to Michigan in 1994, I have been practicing law. I was the plaintiff and successfully sued the City of Wyoming, MI, (Ter Beek v. City of Wyoming) where the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in my favor in a unanimous decision. The issue was the patient's right to grow and maintain medical marijuana in his/her own home garden.

Alyssa Erwin

Hi my name is Alysa Erwin and I am 18 years old. When I was 14 I found out that I have Grade 3 Anaplastic Astrocytoma Brain cancer. I started using Cannabis Oil and after 16 months was cancer free. I stopped taking my cannabis oil and my cancer came back. U of M gave me 1 to 2 weeks to live on July 24 2014 and called in hospice. My parents started pounding the cannabis oil in my system again and did 6 weeks of radiation. As of March 2nd my cancer is 75% gone. Cannabis has save my life. Alyssa is here courtesy of Sons & Daughters United. www.sonsanddaughtersunited.org

Sabra Briere- Sabra Briere, a resident of Ann Arbor since 1973, serves on the Ann Arbor City Council. She has held leadership roles in the Michigan ACLU and the local Democratic Party. She carried those lessons to her role as an elected official, and continues to use her knowledge and understanding to shape local laws that reflect values we all share. <http://sabrabriere.org/>

Attorney Matthew Abel

Matthew Abel is Executive Director of Michigan NORML, and a Michigan criminal defense attorney of 29 years. Matthew is founder and Senior Partner of Cannabis Counsel, P.L.C., a law firm entirely devoted to cannabis clients and cases, providing both business advice and legal counseling as well as criminal defense in marijuana cases throughout Michigan. Mr. Abel is a member of the NORML Legal Committee and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the National Lawyers Guild, and the legal committee of the ACLU of Michigan. Matt is an Eagle Scout. www.cannabiscounsel.com

Brian Kardell

Brian is an undergraduate neuroscience major from East Lansing. He transferred to the University of Michigan two years ago, and is now in his fourth year of college. Brian started his activism career by fundraising door to door with Clean Water Action, a grassroots environmental organization. When he moved to Ann Arbor, he promptly joined SSDP and helped plan events for a year before becoming one of the Co-Directors. State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D)- Jeff Irwin is serving his third term in the Michigan House. A tireless advocate for legalization, Representative Irwin plans to introduce a bill to legalize marijuana for adult use in Michigan in the weeks following Hash Bash. Contact your State Representative today and urge them to support Rep Irwin's proposed legislation! <http://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/>

State Rep. Michael Callton(R)

State Rep. Mike Callton was first elected to the Michigan House in 2010 and represents the residents of Barry County and part of Ionia County. Rep. Callton has continued to support the MMMA and has introduced a bill that would allow for regulation of medical cannabis provisioning centers. Contact your State Representative today and urge them to support Rep. Callton's House Bill! <http://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/>

Saginaw County Sheriff William F. Federspiel

Bill Federspiel was elected Sheriff of Saginaw County in 2008. Prior to that he was a city councilman for the city of Saginaw for three years and worked for the Saginaw Township Police Department for 12 years. Prior to that, he was a police officer in South Florida for 10 years. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Community Development, and a Master's degree from Central in Public Administration. He is a member of a local band performing originals, country and rock 'n roll classics.

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The MiLegalize Board of Directors.

from left: David Rudoi, Charles Ream,
Rick Thompson, Jeff Hanik, Cary Justice,
Josey Scoggin, Jim Powers,
Matthew Abel and Nicholas Zettell.
Not pictured: Jamie Lowell, Steven Sharpe.

Who We Are

The Comprehensive Cannabis Law Reform Committee (known as MI Legalize) is the grassroots organization that is going to be responsible for providing voters with a 2016 ballot measure to regulate and legalize cannabis and hemp production and use in Michigan. MI Legalize is formed of some of the most dedicated and effective activists in the state. We want to end the War on Drugs and reverse the societal harms of prohibition and we are going to need your help to do it! The main tenets of our plan include:

- 1) To Regulate, legalize, and tax cannabis and hemp production and use in Michigan.
- 2) To ensure and expand safe access to cannabis medications for all persons who have a doctor's recommendation for medical cannabis, including pediatric patients.
- 3) To allow Michigan farmers to grow industrial hemp.
- 4) To provide a procedure whereby past criminal convictions involving Cannabis may be set aside

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