

Hi Ryan!

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I am sorry that I haven't written you till now, but I am a single minded guy and I know that you wanted a BIG victory in Lansing - not some equivocal squeaker. And we did it, I'll tell you we really did it. We are the biggest news in the American cannabis movement for these few weeks, MPP did a big win in Providence R.I. - and the only other thing nationally was us in Michigan. And we just kicked ass! It is so true now that the average plain vanilla whitebread voter just doesn't support cannabis prohibition any more.

And Ryan, you were absolutely the key. Every time we do these local initiatives we find out that really getting it done is far harder than we thought - and we did really have to scramble to get the final sigs needed for Lansing BUT you had left us the structure to hang the campaign on - you found the finest local leader we have ever had with Jeff Hank (so we may have him excited now and he may be continuing to be a part of the movement. You found Lance - who knew the two ladies who did most of the signature gathering at the beginning (and had good contacts around town).

And Ben Horner really stepped up to the plate, having his state validate the sigs so we knew where we stood. We are not ignored any longer. Reporters are constantly after us to tell us the targets for 2014 - but that is just coming in to

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MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!

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View. The Big Problem for 2011 is that we don't have a Ryan Basore anywhere to set a major city all up for us. You Really made it easy - But it still was not easy and then our victory was so massive ... almost 63% in the capitol of Michigan ... The legislature took notice and political professionally all over the nation saw the numbers in Lansing and Jackson and know that cannabis prohibition will be ending fast. → see white sheets

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I hope you are feeling as good as one who is locked up for trying to help his fellow human beings can feel. I would hate jail, but boy some days ~~there~~ on the outside get to be so fucked up that I wish I could just go back to my kindergarten classroom. Long ago they ignored us, now they pat us on the back or try to stab us. People like me and Tim just drive for the prize - we pay attention to little other than victory (and I know there are many other important jobs to do in our movement).

I sit here in the cottage now. I will give you the keys and you can use it whenever you want. It is so cool. The 86 ft long 1400 sq ft concrete patio sits on the edge of the ravine - where the little stream bubbles along. I also developed "sandy point" ~~is~~ - a picnic/swim/sweet lodge area a few hundred yards away.

It just makes me furious to think of you being in jail. It is such an unspeakable Anti American outrage. The Karma of any body responsible for it in any way will never recover.

I saw a shirt that you were wearing one day that said some thing about loving Lake Michigan or the

Great Lakes... so I really do hope you use the cottage with your sweetie - if she is still present.

We have big bon fires, horse shoes, badminton etc & will put in lotsa activities.

I don't accept that you will really be in prison 4 years. A Honorary General Holder just clearly said that mandatory minimum sentences for non violent people must be re-examined... I have to figure out how we can get your case re-examined and you OUT of there. The taxpayer gets ZERO extra security out of having you in jail.

So, I have no idea if they will allow this letter. I'm sure I can figure out how to contact you by computer. Maybe Mark P will teach me.

Me and Tim will drive over there to see you - but I don't know when or how to set that up either.

So you have many friends (but if there is anything you lack that I could supply please let me know) Thank Goddess that some of your friends are highly dedicated and effective and have just created such a smashing victory. How can you be in jail when we show that 63% of the voters

in Lansing want to legalize?

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Well, I guess the more I write the less chance this has of actually getting through to you. I need to learn the proper procedures for writing and for visitation.

I know you will thank your friend Mayor Bonero for his support.

Of all the people to be in prison they pick the very best to snatch and put away, precisely because he is a leader trying to get legal things organized. At least, through history, you know how many great men have been imprisoned.

Somehow I know you will stay strong and come out of this strongly. I also know it must really be no picnic.

You know that our cause is just, our fight is absolutely necessary, and we are winning as fast as we can win. On the other hand the drug war fascists are amazingly deeply entrenched and institutionalized.

I hope this gets to you Ryan. If it doesn't I will try something else - or talk to Mark P.

Make no mistake: A huge and pivotal victory has been achieved in your name. Stay Strong, Learn as much as you can, See ya Soon Chuck Rasmussen