

An honor to get to introduce the speakers, & provide a bit of **context** for our struggle here in Lansing.

Congratulate crowd, being a living part of the great human rights struggle of our times...slavery womens rights, child labor, gay equality NOW OUR PEOPLE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE LEFT WHO CAN BE SYSTEMATICALLY BRUTALIZED BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE, - BUT NOW WE ARE GOING TO STAND UP PROUDLY AND WIN BACK OUR RIGHT TO BE FREE CITIZENS OF THESE UNITED STATES.

Americans have an inalienable right to use natural healing, teaching, and fun plants, which grew from the earth long before humans were formed. This right would be so THOROUGHLY **assumed** by our founding fathers that they would have thought it was silly to have to spell it out.

Now we are caught up in a great wave of social repression that we know has nothing to do with how bad marijuana is. This great repression never had any basis in science or public health. It is about the social control of the parts of the population that are not liked, or feared, or who don't fit into our modern economy.

Now **we** are the real patriots, fighting to restore the PERSONAL FREEDOM THAT ISSUPPOSED TO BE AT THE CORE OF THE SOUL OF OUR NATION.

Now we are at the great turning point, the critical mass has been reached, THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT TO SEE MARIJUANA LEGALIZED, ESPECIALLY FOR MEDICAL USE, BUT THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS HUGELY POWERFUL. NOW THEY HAVE A LOT OF JOBS AND GRANT MONEY TO PROTECT. THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR MARIJUANA PROHIBITION STRANGLEHOLD ON OUR SOCIETY.

THE POLICE STATE HAS **WON** THE DRUG WAR, SINCE ITS REAL GOAL IS CONTROL. EVERY PART OF OUR NATION IS CRAWLING WITH PRISONS AND MILITARIZED SWAT TEAMS - AND OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS ARE NOW JUST "COLLATERAL DAMAGE", WRECKED BY THE DRUG WAR. SINCE THE POLICE STATE IS NOW FULLY IN PLACE THEY COULD AFFORD TO DROP CANNABIS PROHIBITION... THEY CAN SUBSTITUTE TERRORISM AS THEIR EXUSE FOR TYRANNY.

We are thankful in Michigan to have a tool of direct democracy called the ballot initiative that we can use to allow voters in Michigan cities to break the stranglehold of the police state, and affirm the most essential American value, which is individual freedom.

OUR TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN MICHIGAN HAS ALWAYS RESTED ON THE BACK OF THESE LOCAL CAMPAIGNS. WE GOT THE MONEY TO PUT OUR MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE WE WON 5 BIG LOCAL VICTORIES, INCLUDING DETROIT.

SINCE WE WON OUR STATEWIDE MEDICAL LAW WE HAVE ONLY INCREASED OUR MOMENTUM. WE HAVE WON 6 LOCAL VICTORIES SINCE 2008, INCLUDING DETROIT AND GRAND RAPIDS, BUT OUR HARD WON VICTORIES IN THE ARENA OF DEMOCRACY ARE OFTEN IGNORED.

HOWEVER, MY COLLEAGUE Tim Beck HAS PERFECTED A PETITION, AND TAKEN IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE Michigan Supreme Court, that allows us to vote on "legalization by exemption". Adults

who possess one ounce or less cannot be bothered by the law. This would allow police time to be spent wisely, and would protect LANSING citizens from persecution and prosecution.

WE WILL USE THIS PETITION FORMAT TO WIN 3 MORE LOCAL VICTORIES IN 2013, IN JACKSON, FERNDALE AND LANSING. When we win big in Lansing SOMETHING BIG IS GOING TO BREAK IN THIS LOGJAM WE CALL CANNABIS PROHIBITION.

RYAN BASORE IS A HEROIC MAN OF EPIC COURAGE. HE IS GOING TO PRISON FOR BEING A LEADER IN TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE AND FOR **FOLLOWING** Michigan law. I WILL LET OTHERS EXPLAIN WHAT AN EXEMPLARY LIFE HE HAS ALWAYS LED, especially since he was arrested. AS HE PREPARED HIMSELF TO ENTER FEDERAL PRISON RYAN ALSO ORGANIZED THE CORE GROUP OF LANSING LEADERS FOR THIS CAMPAIGN – TO CARRY IT ON TO VICTORY AFTER HE WAS GONE.

The KEY HERE IS THAT RYAN'S LONG IMPRISONMENT IS AN OVERWHELMING OUTRAGE, A SLAP IN THE FACE TO EVERY TRUE AMERICAN WHO BELIEVES IN DEMOCRACY OR LIBERTY. RYAN WAS FOLLOWING MICHIGAN LAW. RYAN BASORE DESERVES TO BE PUNISHED ABOUT AS MUCH AS JESUS or MARTIN LUTHER KING. NO MATTER WHAT THE ODDS WE MUST MOST STRONGLY APPEAL FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR THE LANSING 7, AND NEVER GIVE UP ON IT. ANY ATTORNEYS OR OTHERS WHO WISH TO HELP ON THIS PRESIDENTIAL PARDON IDEA **PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**

WE FULLY PLACE OUR TRUST IN THE WISDOM, COMPASSION, AND COMMON SENSE OF THE VOTERS OF THE GREAT CITY OF LANSING (THE MOST MARIJUANA FRIENDLY PART OF THIS STATE...AND I AM FROM ANN ARBOR (STORY). LANSING VOTERS WILL SHOW THAT THEY ARE TRUE PATRIOTS.

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM IN LANSING IS INCREDIBLY IMPRESSIVE, AND YOU WILL NOW HEAR FROM THESE GREAT ACTIVISTS.