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IT FEELS GREAT TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO STAND HERE AND SPEAK THE TRUTH.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR 37 YEARS TO SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUT I WANTED TO HAVE A CAREER AND A FAMILY AND A HOME. I HAVE BEEN A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER FOR 33 YEARS AND AN ELECTED TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE FOR 16. IF I HAD TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN WRECKED.

WHAT KIND OF FIRST AMENDMENT DO WE HAVE NOW, WHEN CITIZENS KNOW THAT THEY MUST WAIT UNTIL THE KIDS ARE GROWN AND RETIREMENT IS NEAR BEFORE THEY CAN DARE TO SPEAK SIMPLE BASIC TRUTHS.

TO SAY THAT MARIJUANA (CANNABIS ACTUALLY) IS NOT MEDICINE IS LIKE SAYING WATER ISN'T WET. MEDICINE IS WHAT CANNABIS IS, FOR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL, AND EXISTENTIAL COMFORT.

CANNABIS HAS BEEN USED BY PEOPLE AS MEDICINE SINCE PREHISTORY, AND IS PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE VERY EARLIEST CHINESE, INDIAN, AND ARABIC MEDICAL WRITINGS".

QUEEN VICTORIA OF ENGLAND, WHO WAS NOT A HIPPIE, USED CANNABIS MEDICINE FOR DECADES FOR MENSTRUAL CRAMPS, MIGRAINES, AND INSOMNIA. HER PHYSICIAN CALLED IT "ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE MEDICINES WE POSSESS".

IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE THAT
CANNABIS MEDICINE ALREADY HAS BEEN VERY HEAVILY AND
SUCCESSFULLY USED IN THE UNITED STATES. BETWEEN 1850 AND 1900 IT
WAS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON INGREDIENT IN AMERICAN
MEDICINES. MRS. LINCOLN WAS GIVEN CANNABIS FOR HER NERVES
WHEN PRESIDENT LINCOLN WAS SHOT.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOUGHT HARD IN 1937 TO KEEP CANNABIS MEDICINE LEGAL; BECAUSE DOCTORS KNEW THERE WERE TIMES WHEN NOTHING ELSE WORKED.

CANNABIS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO HELP SIGNIFICANTLY WITH NAUSEA, APPETITE LOSS AND WEIGHT LOSS. IT CAN HELP PEOPLE KEEP ENOUGH FOOD DOWN TO LIVE THROUGH CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY.

CANNABIS SUCESSFULLY TREATS PAIN OF ANY KIND, AND CAN BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPIATES TO SUPPLEMENT PAIN TREATMENT. IT ALSO SUCCESSFULLY TREATS THE SYMPTOMS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, GLAUCOMA, INSOMNIA, TOURETTES SYNDROME, MIGRAINE HEADACHES, MENSTRUAL CRAMPS, SPASTICITY AND SEIZURES, AND MANY ALIMENTS THOUGHT TO BE STRESS BASED OR PSYCHOSOMATIC. FOR MANY PEOPLE CANNABIS WILL GREATLY HELP WITH DEPRESSION, AGRESSIVENESS AND HOSTILITY, EPILEPSY, AND WITHDRAWAL FROM ADDICTIONS. MY PROBLEM WAS STOMACH PAIN. I WOULD NOT BE HERE IF I HAD NOT HAD CANNABIS IN 1968.

HOW CAN THEY SAY CANNABIS IS NOT MEDICINE AND THEN TURN AROUND AND MARKET PURE THC IN A PILL CALLED MARINOL? HOW CAN THEY CLAIM IT ISN'T MEDICINE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SENDS BOXES OF MEDICINAL JOINTS EACH MONTH TO EIGHT PEOPLE? CANADA WILL SOON START STOCKING IT IN NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACIES.

THE TRUTH IS THAT, UNLESS YOU ARE TRYING TO STUDY FOR A TEST, THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT HARM FROM USING MARIJUANA. THIS HAS BEEN THE CONCLUSION OF EVERY MAJOR NATIONAL COMMISSION AND EVERY LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF CANNABIS USERS.

THE EDITORS "THE LANCET", A PRESTIGIOUS PEER REVIEWED BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, THOROUGHLY REVIEWED CANNABIS RESEARCH AND CONCLUDED – "THE SMOKING OF CANNABIS, EVEN LONG TERM, IS NOT HARMFUL TO HEALTH". THAT IS THE SCIENTIFIC FACT. ANYONE WHO PRESUMES TO BADMOUTH CANNABIS IS MAKING A FOOL OF THEMSELVES.

THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL RULING CONCERNING MEDICAL
MARIJUANA WAS ISSUED ON SEPT 6, 1988. JUDGE FRANCIS YOUNG RULED
THAT "MARIJUANA IN ITS NATURAL FORM IS ONE OF THE SAFEST

THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO MAN ...IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE, ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS FOR THE DEA TO CONTINUE TO STAND BETWEEN THOSE SUFFERERS AND THE BENEFITS OF THIS SUBSTANCE".

DRUG CZAR MCCAFFERY'S INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY
AFFIMED THAT CANNABIS WAS USEFUL MEDICINE, AND THE FEDERAL
ATTACKS ON PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS ONLY INTENSIFIED.

THE ATTACK ON MARIJUANA USERS IS PURELY A CULTURAL CIVIL WAR, UNRELATED TO SCIENCE OR PUBLIC HEALTH. IT IS COMPLETELY ILLIGITIMATE IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND IT INHIBITS ADAPTIVE CULTURAL EVOLUTION.

THOSE WHO ATTACK PLANTS THAT THE CREATOR PUT HERE FOR OUR USE AND COMFORT HAD BETTER HOPE THERE IS NO JUDGEMENT DAY. THE NUREMBERG PRINCIPLES MADE IT CLEAR THAT "JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS" IS NOT A DEFENSE.

OUR CURRENT EVIL BUFFOON OF A DRUG CZAR, JOHN WALTERS, CLAIMS "NO DRUG MATCHES THE THREAT POSED BY MARIJUANA". HE SEES CHANGES IN CANADIAN MARIJUANA POLICY AS "CHEMICAL WARFARE" AGAINST THE U.S.. WALTERS SHOULD BE JAILED AND PUT ON TRIAL FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

WHY? BECAUSE PEOPLE DIE WHEN THEY CAN'T GET THEIR
MEDICINE! THE GOVERNMENT KNEW THAT AUTHOR PETER MCWILLIAMS
NEEDED MARIJUANA TO LIVE, SO THEY KEPT IT FROM HIM TILL HE
CHOKED ON HIS VOMIT AND DIED.

THE SUICIDE NOTE OF SHIRLEY DORSEY IN CALIFORNIA READ "THEY WANT TO TAKE OUR PROPERTY, SECURITY, AND HERBAL MEDICINE AWAY FROM US, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT CAUSED HARM TO ANYONE..."

AT THEIR PARENTS FUNERAL THE 4 CHILDREN OF DENNIS AND
DENISE SCHILLING WORE T-SHIRTS WITH MESSAGES LIKE "DARE TO
KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA". THEIR PARENTS HAD HUNG

THEMSELVES IN A MADISON WISCONSIN MOTEL ROOM AFTER DRUG AGENTS HAD STOLEN THEIR MEDICINE AND SERVED A FORFEITURE NOTICE ON THEIR SMALL HOME.

DRUG WAR IS HORRIFIC DOMESTIC TERRORISM!

MRS. SHILLING'S DEATH NOTE ENDED "PERHAPS SOMEDAY PEOPLE
LIKE ME WILL NOT BE PERSECUTED".

WE CAN HELP BRING THAT DAY NEARER BY OUR MEDICAL MARIJUANA EFFORT HERE IN ANN ARBOR. OUR PETITION WILL GUARANTEE THAT NO ANN ARBOR PATIENT WITH A DOCTORS RECOMMENDATION WILL BE PUNISHED BY ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR FOR THE USE, PURCHASE, OR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA.

BURLINGTON VERMONT RECENTLY PASSED ITS MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE WITH 82% IN FAVOR. I HOPE ANN ARBOR VOTERS IN NOVEMBER WILL SHOW AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION.

I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY TO BE DISCIPLINED, TO BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE, AND TO USE YOUR TALENTS TO SAVE OUR NATION AND OUR MOTHER EARTH. WE ARE IN AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THE U.S. RIGHT NOW WE MUST FIGHT BACK HARD NOW OR SOON THEY WILL BE COMING TO TAKE US AWAY. PLEASE VOTE! GET REGISTERED! MAKE SURE YOUR FRIENDS ARE REGISTERED! YOU CAN REGISTER HERE TODAY AT THE NORML TABLE ON MONROE STREET.

IF YOU ARE AN ANN ARBOR REGISTERED VOTER PLEASE SIGN THE

PETITION TO PUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE BALLOT. SIGN IT AGAIN IF

YOU SIGNED IT AT THE HASH BASH LAST YEAR – BECAUSE WE HAVE

PUSHED BACK THE PETITION TURN IN DATE BY A MONTH. IF YOU ARE A

MICHIGAN REGISTERED VOTER YOU CAN CIRCULATE A PETITION IN ANN

ARBOR, AND MAKE A DOLLAR PER SIGNATURE. BE PART OF THE

SOLUTION. PLEASE STOP OVER TO OUR TABLE, RIGHT OVER THERE.

PETITIONS MUST COME BACK IN TO ME. I WILL BE OVER AT MONROE STREET AT _____OCLOCK TO GET PETITIONS THAT COME BACK.

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