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Sir/Ma'am.

Decriminalise

I want all drugs to be decriminalised. People who consume or over-consume drugs or substances should not be criminalised. If people over-consume substances, then it is a health issue not a criminal matter.

Harm Reduction

Legislation and regulations regarding drugs and substance consumption should aim at reducing harm, not prohibiting. People will consume, regardless of legislation, so we need to approach it from a harm reduction perspective. And, if a substance does no harm when consumed responsibly, why prohibit same?

Pill Testing

We must have pill testing (and substance testing) to allow people to ascertain if the pill/liquid/substance they're about to consume is indeed what they believe it to be and/or safe to so do. Wherever people gather for substance consumption, or wherever substances are likely to be consumed, there should be facilities to allow testing of substances.

Roadside Drugs Testing

I like roadside testing people for drinking. We have established relationships between driving impairment and the amount of alcohol in one's blood. No such relationships and relevant testing mechanisms have been established regarding other substances, such as marijuana. Cease roadside testing for drugs where no such relationships have been established, and, conduct research to establish relationships between the amount of substances in a person's system and properness of testing same.

Workplace Drugs Testing

Workplace testing of drugs should only be permitted where there is an established and properly testable relationship between substance levels in one's system and work performance impairment.

Medically Supervised Injecting Rooms

We need injecting rooms where consumers of drugs can be medically supervised. People will consume these substances, regardless of the legislation and regulations, so as a harm reducing measure I advocate providing venues where these people are able to so consume. Too many people are dying on our streets who would not die if we had injecting rooms.

Research

We need to conduct research into mind-altering substances (commonly referred to as 'drugs') to ascertain their effects - both positive and negative - so we can decide how they should be used and (if harmful) treated.

Education

Drugs, substances and whatever you call it are part of our society. We need to educate people how to deal with substances - including how to approach substances we know nothing or little about.

Sincerely,

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