



EUROPEAN CITIES AGAINST DRUGS  
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### To the Mayors of the United States:

We, the mayors of the European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD), urge you to join us in fighting against the marijuana/cannabis legalization movement. Those that claim marijuana/cannabis is harmless are wrong. We know that many of our citizens are suffering health, psychological, and social consequences from marijuana/cannabis use.

As leaders, we understand that the inaccurate and misleading information spread by well-funded legalization advocates must be countered. Europe and the United States must work together to get the facts out to all of our citizens.

In our cities and countries, activists are organizing initiatives to decriminalize marijuana/cannabis or otherwise discourage enforcement of controls on marijuana/cannabis sales and possession. We must fight back.

Legalization of drugs, or measures that facilitate marijuana/cannabis use, should be opposed, both because of their negative impact on the individual and because of the broader message of tolerance of drug abuse such actions communicate to youth. These measures both violate the spirit and the letter of the UN antidrug Conventions which we are committed to upholding. We urge you to join with us in a global effort to oppose marijuana/cannabis legalization in order to protect all of the world's citizens from the terrible consequences of drug abuse.

Signed,  
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