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Important Action Alert - Drugs



The Mayor of Chicago wants to decriminalize drugs statewide. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who is seeking re-election next year, is proposing that **people caught with 1 gram or less of ANY controlled substance won't be charged with a felony.** He also proposes expanding Chicago's **marijuana ticketing law statewide.** Under the proposal, police would **issue tickets of \$250 to \$500 for possession of up to 15 grams of marijuana - the equivalent of 25 joints,** reported the *Chicago Tribune.* [Read more:](#)

Karen Lewis, who leads the Chicago Teachers Union and is considering a run for mayor, welcomed Emanuel's plan, but said **she would take it a step further - by legalizing and taxing marijuana.** [Read more:](#)

Alcohol causes more harm than all illegal drugs combined because it is legal, acceptable, and accessible. Underage drinking cost the citizens of Illinois \$2.9 Billion in 2010.

Lessening the penalties on heroin, methamphetamine, crack, and marijuana will lead to increased use, abuse, and harm, especially among youth.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact your current [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to oppose the decriminalization of drugs and the legalization of marijuana.
2. Attend Candidate Forums and ask Legislative candidates their position on decriminalization of drugs and the legalization of marijuana.
3. Contact [Governor Quinn](#) or call 1-800-642-3112 to ask him to Oppose the decriminalization of drugs and legalization of marijuana.

4. PRAY

5. Forward to 10 others.


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