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SECOND NOTICE!!

CALL NOW TO BECOME AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR!

Dear Colleague,

LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS IS INCREASINGLY BEING PUSHED AS A SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE.

While the free exchange of controversial ideas is essential to our society and must continue to be protected, WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS NOT A HARMLESS DEBATE WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. If the idea of legalization goes unchallenged, it will undermine the best efforts of our citizens and law enforcement officials to resist and combat drugs and their associated crime and health problems.

AND LEGALIZATION IS CLEARLY NOT WHAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WANTS.

FAR FROM BEING A MIRACLE SOLUTION, LEGALIZATION WOULD CREATE AN UNPRECEDENTED THREAT TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE REPUBLIC.

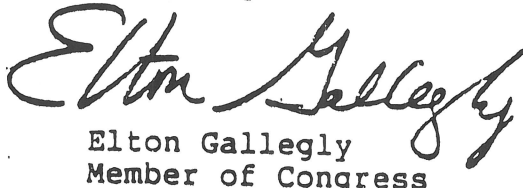
As William Bennett has pointed out:

But has anyone actually thought about what that kind of legalized [drug] regime would look like? Would crack be legal? How about PCP? Or smokable heroin? Or ice? Would they all be stocked at the local convenience store, perhaps just a few blocks from an elementary school...I would argue that if drugs are easier to obtain, drug use will soar. In fact, we have just undergone a kind of cruel national experiment in which drugs became cheap and widely available: That experiment is called the crack epidemic.

IN ORDER TO UNEQUIVOCALLY REAFFIRM THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS CONGRESS TO FULLY MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE OUR ANTI-DRUG LAWS, AND THAT DRUG LEGALIZATION IS IN NO WAY AN ACCEPTABLE APPROACH, I WILL BE INTRODUCING A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING THESE SENTIMENTS. I am also sending a letter of support to National Drug Control Director Bennett for his efforts in this matter.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR BOTH THE RESOLUTION AND THE BENNETT LETTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. If interested, please let me know, or call Don Gilchrest at 5-5811.

Sincerely,



Elton Gallegly
Member of Congress

CURRENT COSPONSORS (resolution on back): Bliley, Coble, Condit, Dannemeyer, Duncan, Gilman, Hancock, Hansen, Livingston, Lowery, Penney, Rangel, Shumway, Stallings, Thomas (WY), Weldon

Whereas ending drug abuse is a top priority of Americans from every region and locality of the country;

Whereas antidrug efforts between 1985 and 1988 have succeeded in decreasing the annual use of illicit drugs among Americans significantly;

Whereas an estimated 28,000,000 Americans nonetheless continue to consume drugs and to suffer the debilitating effects of drug abuse, including permanent health damage, severed personal and familial relationships, a decline in productivity, an increase in severe accidents, and a loss in dignity and autonomy;

Whereas addiction to illegal drugs is still a significant problem with over half a million Americans in drug treatment requiring the commitment of valuable resources and personnel, and with drug-related deaths and hospital emergencies shown to be increasing;

Whereas the abuse of drugs has been shown to be linked to an increase in human suffering, among users and nonusers, because of resulting crimes against people and property, including a rampant level of drug-related homicides in the poorest urban areas;

Whereas the legalization of drugs, which has been proposed as an alternative to current policies, would represent an unacceptable threat to the institutions and citizens of the United States;

Whereas the legalization of drugs would remove the stigma of illegality and the moral authority of law, and would thus encourage new experimentation with drugs;

Whereas the legalization of drugs would increase the abuse of drugs, by both adults and minors, and the numbers of drug addicts due to the greater availability and lower prices of such substances; and

Whereas according to public opinion polls, the American people overwhelmingly and forcefully oppose drug legalization: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That all levels of government should fully*
- 3 *continue efforts to enforce antidrug laws and to discourage*
- 4 *the use of illegal drugs, and that such controlled substances*
- 5 *should in no manner or form be legalized.*