Intersection of Mental Health and Marijuana Legalization

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• Young people
The Office of National Drug Control Policy

• The **Office of National Drug Control Policy** (ONDCP) is a component of the Executive Office of the President (EOP).

• The Director evaluates, coordinates, and oversees both the international and domestic anti-drug efforts of executive branch agencies and ensures that such efforts sustain and complement State and local anti-drug activities.

• The Director advises the President regarding changes in the organization, management, budgeting, and personnel of federal agencies that affect U.S. anti-drug efforts; and regarding federal agency compliance with their obligations under the National Drug Control Strategy, an annual report required by law.
Marijuana Policy as seen through the eyes of the Opioid Epidemic

• Policy attention= economic impact + public health impact + criminal justice impact + political considerations
• Executive support is key
• The grassroots are essential
• Data, data, data
RX, Heroin, Fentanyl Epidemic
High Level Bi-Partisan Government Support

- January 12, 2016 State of the Union
- February 9, 2016 President’s FY 2017 Budget
- March 29, 2016 National RX Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit
- November 17, 2016 Surgeon General’s Report on Alcohol, Drug, and Health
- December 7, 2016 Congress passes the 21st Century Cures Act
Members of the House and Senate celebrated after signing the bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act at the Capitol
The Cole Memo

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

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Thank You

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