

TAKE A STAND FOR SENSIBLE DRUG LAWS!

Action Alert December 1, 2005

Support Public Health Approach to Marijuana Possession in Lawrence

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Lawrence city commissioners are reconsidering the mandatory "alcohol and drug safety class" and \$300 fine requirement for first time marijuana possession offenders.

Instead they are considering all persons complete a drug evaluation, designed specifically to identify marijuana dependence. This public health approach is a sensible alternative to their earlier proposal. To learn more about the marijuana dependence evaluation, check our [website](#).

Please take 5 minutes of your time to call or write one or more of the commissioners and tell them you support this public health approach. Urge them to pass the ordinance without a mandatory fine.

[Commissioner Mike Rundle](#) (785) 841-7817

[Commissioner Sue Hack](#) (785) 842-6608

[Commissioner David Schauner](#) (785) 842-7459

[Vice-Mayor Mike Amyx](#) (785) 843-3089

[Mayor Boog Highberger](#) (785) 843-0995

HEA Drug Provision: Contact Sen. Roberts to restore aid

In all likelihood, Congress will conclude their discussions on the Higher Education Act (HEA) drug provision by year's end.

The Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR) and the more than 250 organizations supporting full repeal of the law are making a strong push to encourage Congress to restore financial aid to as many students as possible this Congress.

Now is the time to take action. We can still influence the conference committee, of which our own [Senator Pat Roberts](#) is a member, where negotiators will hammer out the differences in the proposed changes to the drug provision.

Please take 5 minutes of your time to either call your Reps and Senators or visit www.RaiseYourVoice.com/TakeAction to send them a letter.

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Have you or someone you know been affected by the federal ban on financial aid for persons with drug convictions? Want to do something about it? The ACLU, in collaboration with the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR) and Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), is seeking persons affected by the HEA drug provision to file a lawsuit claiming that the ban is unconstitutional.

If you have been denied federal aid for school because of a drug conviction, please contact us today at hear@raiseyourvoice.com or call the ACLU toll-free at 1-866-4-HEA-Fix. We want to hear how the drug provision has affected your life.

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