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On Thursday, July 17, 2014, the Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Amendment Act of 2014 (D.C. Act 20-305) took effect in the District of Columbia, and makes possession of marijuana punishable by a \$25 fine instead of jail time. This new law is expected to enhance civil rights in the District of Columbia by reducing racial disparities in arrest rates for marijuana possession.

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Our new strategic plan takes bold steps to dismantle this war on drugs and our communities. Join us in seeing this vision through.

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