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Millions of people around the world are needlessly dying in pain because of an imbalanced approach to drug policy. Five-and-a-half billion people live in countries with inadequate access to medicines for pain relief. This means that millions of people are suffering from avoidable pain including 5.5 million terminal cancer patients, one million people with end-stage AIDS, 800,000 victims of accidents and violence, millions of women in labor, and millions more recovering from surgery.

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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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