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After Ballot Initiative 71 took effect in February of 2015, adult use, possession and sale of marijuana-related paraphernalia became legal in the District of Columbia. However, most other objects (testing kits, pipes, syringes) remain illicit paraphernalia. This fact sheet outlines why paraphernalia laws in the District are racially-biased, counterproductive and lead to risky behavior.

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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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