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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for covering the 20th Anniversary NORML Conference. It is through your programming efforts that this very important issue has now been given some sorely needed national attention. I sure that the information made available through your efforts made its way into many homes where people can be benefited by the availability and use of the hemp plant.

Being at the conference gave me a bird's eye view of information about not only the Hemp plant itself, but of our government's rabid efforts to make criminals of otherwise law-biding, tax paying and productive citizens simply for the act of smoking the flower of the hemp plant.

Not a single, logically thinking individual can seriously take the position that people who can medically benefit from marijuana should not be allowed to use it! I hope your coverage of FIVE INDIVIDUALS who, only after miles of paper and legalese, are now the only people who may legally use marijuana for medical purposes, results in many more people being able to benefit because they now are AWARE of the potential of hemp. Despite the fact that one of its most common medical uses is as an anti-nausea medication, not a single AIDS or CANCER patient may legally use this drug. We know they use it anyway, and that they are willing to run the risk of having to deal with criminal charges for an activity which may well be saving their lives.

And that doesn't even begin to address it! Paper, fuel, feed, clothing, cordage. With the use of hemp, we may never have to lose all our trees to our paper needs. Durable and environmentally safe clothing and ropes as well as safe plastic products. If this plant can do one-half of what was claimed, the only sane question to be ask is "What are we waiting for!"

It's only with broad reporting and e [redacted] e will this issue get proper attention. [redacted] please keep [redacted] good work!

Very truly yours
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