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Will Montana Be First State to Repeal Medi-Pot? *Drug Policy Experts Appeal to Governor*

(St. Petersburg, FL) First, the Montana medical marijuana repeal bill passed the House (62 to 37), then the final Senate vote was (28 to 22), and now it goes to the Governor. The question is what will the Governor do?

“For the sake of Montana residents, we’re all hoping the Governor will do the right thing,” said Calvina Fay, Executive Director of Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. and Save Our Society From Drugs. “The true agenda of medi-pot is not about people suffering. It is about opening the door for widespread abuse under the guise of a good intention. Look at the reality of these programs. California and Colorado are two perfect examples of failed systems with egregious abuses. I don’t want to see Montana slide down that same slippery slope. I know we can find a better solution for the truly sick and dying without jeopardizing young residents, tempting addicts or providing an excuse to get high.”

“We are in wait mode,” said Dr. Eric Voth, Chair of the Institute on Global Drug Policy. “If the Governor signs this bill, Montana will go down in history as the first state to repeal medi-pot. Montana would be a great example for other states, and the paradigm will shift. I am very eager to see what he does. The legislature’s repealing this program is a victory in and of itself, but I am hoping for a complete victory. As a physician, I believe truly sick people deserve safe and effective medicine – not a toxic weed comparable to snake oil. I urge Governor Schweitzer to sign this important bill immediately.”

If you would like to set up an interview about this issue with Calvina Fay, Dr. Voth or other policy experts, please contact Lana Beck at **(727) 828-0211 or (727) 403-7571**.

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The Institute on Global Drug Policy is an alliance of physicians, scientists, attorneys and drug specialists advocating public policies that curtail the abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs. www.globaldrugpolicy.org

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