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## **Department of Justice Surrenders to Marijuana Legalization** *Eric Holder Picks and Chooses which Federal Laws DOJ will Enforce*

**St. Petersburg** (August 29, 2013) Despite clear statutes and case law, the Obama Administration will not enforce our federal drug laws in Washington and Colorado. Attorney General, Eric Holder, announced he will not challenge these states' legalization laws.

“Eric Holder is full of double-speak. In one breath he states that he will not enforce our drug laws and in the next breath he says that the Justice Department will be committed to enforcing the Controlled Substances Act. You can't have it both ways,” said Calvin Fay, Executive Director of Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. and Save Our Society From Drugs. “The bottom line is that this Administration has surrendered to legalizing marijuana, the most widely abused illicit drug in America, especially among our youth. He is essentially setting up a tsunami that will no doubt result in far too many of America's young people being subjected to chemical slavery,” continued Fay.

“When the Department of Justice is allowed to pick and choose which federal laws they will enforce, despite clear Congressional intent and case law, and laws can be changed at the whim of pop culture, we no longer have a nation of laws, respect for laws, or standards that can be recognized by anyone. This is a dark day for America. It represents the Administration's foolish surrender to the drug culture's ill-conceived social experiment with the future of our children, families, communities and nation. Some day, when we have come to our senses, this Administration will be recognized for presiding over the undoing of decades of drug education, and ushering in the dumbing down of America in a haze of marijuana smoke,” said Monte Stiles, former Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho and supervisor of the Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force.

“The fact is that we are not incarcerating people for low level marijuana offenses. Drug abuse and violence have decreased significantly since the 1980's and is only now starting to increase because our government officials have taken their eyes off the ball. Drug abuse had steadily gone down through the years because of the comprehensive efforts of prevention, treatment and law enforcement. Holder has managed to demolish all three pillars which will result in significant increases in drug use,” concluded Fay.

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

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