

To whom it may concern;

My name is Daniel Miles. I represent Students for Sensible Drug Policy at The College of Charleston, an organization spanning all fifty states and three countries. We are a group dedicated to the reform of drug laws we see as draconian, perverse, and outdated. Our reason for contacting you today is just that: out of date drug policy that helps no one and hurts the vulnerable in society. Our purpose today is psilocybin, known best as the active ingredient in "magic mushrooms."

Recent clinical examinations of psilocybin have indicated that it is not hazardous to physical health. The investigators corroborated previous findings that psilocybin could reliably catalyze mystical experiences leading to significant and lasting improvements in quality of life. In another study, the effects of psilocybin were examined in patients with severe, refractory obsessive-compulsive disorder. Researchers concluded that psilocybin is safe and well tolerated in subjects with obsessive-compulsive disorder and may be associated with "robust acute reductions" in core obsessive-compulsive disorder symptoms, although there was no clear dose-response relationship.

The point is, we as a society have a whole new frontier ahead of us, a possibility to boldly take on new challenges in biology, psychology, sociology, and civics. We hold the key to the door that once opened will reveal to us the hidden powers of psychedelic medicine, and later, the unrivaled rush of liberty of recreational use.

We have an opportunity.

As drug policy activists, we can not, in good conscience, sit back and stare at the ruthless waste of resources, possibilities, and treatments currently employed by the City of Charleston. We can not ignore the wanton negligence and ignorance of the current laws. We feel we MUST, if not for our sake then for the sake of those who are in the most need of it, petition our government, our representatives, to end the wasteful prohibition of psilocybin.

Stand with us.

The undersigned,

Daniel Miles and the College of Charleston chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy

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