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FYI – I let him know I was forwarding the message to you Janice.

Thanks

Leanne

From: Quigley, Tim [REDACTED]
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To: info@saskatoonpolicecommission.com
Subject: Legalization of drugs for personal use

Dear Police Commissioners:

I am pleased to hear that the Commission is considering offering its support for the legalization of drugs for personal use. I spent ten years as a lawyer for Legal Aid, then 28 years as a law professor in which my areas of specialization were Criminal Law, Sentencing, and Criminal Procedure. In the course of that work over nearly 40 years, I had the opportunity to observe the destructive effects of the so-called “war on drugs.” Treating those with addictions as criminals has been one of the stupidest policies that a country could have. The supply of illicit drugs has made it all too often necessary for drug users to engage in criminality in order to deal with their need. They have not gotten the assistance they might have had under a more enlightened, health-focused approach: safe, secure supplies of drugs, assistance with obtaining essential services such as housing, nutrition, and health care, and the opportunity to obtain drug rehabilitation services. We have made thousands of people criminals, only because of their addictions; this has cost society billions of dollars through enforcement, court proceedings, and prisons. None of that has worked. Please use your good offices to encourage politicians of all political parties to support a sensible and humane change of direction.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

Tim Quigley
Emeritus Professor of Law