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Dear Friends,

Public health prevailed - big time - in North Dakota last night. And two of Missouri's three pro-pot initiatives failed. Several pro-pot officials lost their bids for election or re-election. And while last night didn't bring what we had hoped for in Michigan, I remain optimistic. As I have said for years, our movement is not about one vote, one election cycle, or one state. We fight for education, science-driven policy, prevention, and most of all, hope.

When Big Tobacco commenced their campaign of deceit, there didn't seem to be any light at the end of the tunnel. They bought off doctors, lured kids with ease in front of an unquestioning public, and sold their hype to a willing political leadership. A century and a half later, most Americans have learned about the harms of smoking - mainly because our predecessors in that movement never gave up.

We will never give up fighting for what is right. Today's super-potent marijuana has eclipsed alcohol and tobacco as the "first drug," [according to newly released research](#), and the pot industry continues to recklessly bulldoze over facts, reason, and basic decency. Our movement is truly about social and economic justice. We will never stop standing up for the communities ravaged by legal drugs and false promises of "revenue," or for the father who lost his son to a THC-caused car crash, for the crying mother who has desperately tried a dozen treatment centers for her child's THC addiction, or for the friend whose mental illness was caused by heavy use.

Our work will go on. It has to. We are already reinvesting in Michigan to ensure localities have a say about pot shops, building off our incredibly diverse team there. We have high level federal meetings coming up with people who will be very influential on marijuana policy in the near future. And we are already contacting freshman legislators with a new fact-book and upcoming Congressional briefing later this month.

And that isn't all. I am so proud of our teams at Healthy and Productive Michigan and Healthy and Productive North Dakota; I've never seen campaigns work so hard. And I am excited to make some major programmatic announcements soon, all in the spirit of keeping this industry accountable.

Because we never will stop fighting with dignity for what is right. Never.

Yours,
Kevin

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