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Greetings,

I am interested in seeing Ames decriminalize or, at the very least, if not already in practice, deprioritize, non-violent cannabis possession arrests.

According to Denver, Colorado's Office of Marijuana Policy Director, Ashley Kilroy, from an article* written yesterday, regarding the effect of cannabis legalization, "crime's remained about the same and youth usage has remained about the same." And, as you may have noticed, I didn't mention cannabis legalization.

I believe that moving forward with criminal justice reform that is positioned toward a reduced focus on criminalizing a health issue will result in an increased focus on more important concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,
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