



# **WANTED:** *“Drug Czar”*

## **Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy**

**Responsible for \$20 billion budget.** Cabinet position reports directly to the President.

**Experienced in field of public health.** Understands that most users are not addicts and are otherwise responsible citizens; and that drug abuse is a health problem that is not effectively treated by incarceration.

**Integrity to objectively analyze** and publicly endorse peer reviewed scientific evidence regardless of political pressures. Examples are marijuana as a safe and effective treatment of certain serious illnesses and funding syringe exchanges to combat the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS.

**Courage to speak out** against drug war ideologues, racists, political opportunists and entrenched interests such as the prison-industrial complex and the drug testing industry. Willingness to resist demonizing illegal drug users, many of whom are good parents, good workers, and good citizens.

**Honesty** to publicly acknowledge that some illegal drugs, such as marijuana and Ecstasy, are safer than some legal drugs like alcohol and tobacco.

**Receptive to studying new approaches** pioneered in Australia, Canada, Holland and Switzerland and in the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Maine and Nevada that expand drug treatment, reduce the spread of disease, allow access to medicine and decrease reliance on law enforcement.

**Understands basic economic principles** of supply and demand. Will avoid unjustified intervention in sovereign countries in the Quixotic effort to stem supply. Will replace current prohibition of relatively benign marijuana and Ecstasy with regulations and taxes similar to those for alcohol and tobacco.

\$125,000 per year, excellent benefits.

Opportunity to make a real difference.

Apply with resume to President of the United States

The White House

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