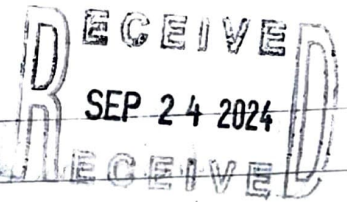


Senator
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Dear Senator Butler:

We are writing with much solemnity to share a grave injustice. Men & women, across the country, are, and have been kidnapped & held hostage under the guise of drug law enforcement. My assertion may seem farfetched but it's true.

Let me explain.

Below is an example of the language used in an indictment for a non-violent drug offender serving a life sentence. It states:

"[the defendants] ... did knowingly & intentionally combine, conspire, confederate & agree ... to unlawfully, knowingly & intentionally distribute ... mixtures & substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine [.]

The allegations, here, fail to even state an offense.

The Supreme Court, in *McFadden*, 576 US 186, held that the gov't is required to "establish that the defendant knew he was dealing with a controlled substance." And it is this holding which exposes the purposeful misapplication of the law.

Take another look at the language used in the charge. The object of the conspiracy is to - knowingly & intentionally distribute cocaine. In short, the defendants are not alleged to have known they were dealing with an illegal substance.

A conspiracy is an agreement to perform some future task. The adverb "knowingly" is prohibited

from modifying "cocaine" (i.e. know it is cocaine) because it is placed in the future tense. The word know is a stative verb and cannot be combined in the future tense to make a proper sentence.

To inculcate, it is not a crime to distribute a controlled substance unless you know the controlled nature of the substance. Nor is it a crime to agree to engage in such conduct. Further, knowledge of the illegal nature of the substance is a prerequisite to entering into an unlawful agreement.

Everyone is entitled to actual notice, of an actual offense, and a unanimous suffrage of guilt by his peers before his/her liberty can be taken. These constitutional rights have been systematically ignored on a massive scale.

It is one of our goals to highlight the fact that the decades worth of moral arguments; that disadvantaged persons are over represented in the criminal justice system, the gov't put drugs in our communities (Oliver North et al.), the war on Drugs and mass incarceration are racist, among other things, are much more than mere pathos. American drug law enforcement is as we have always known - has nothing to do with crime prevention or the law.

No longer will our demands for justice be reduced to susurrations because someone says, "but they broke the law." Such a platitude is nothing more

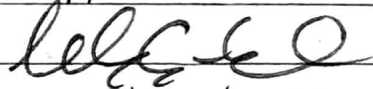
than a specious & spurious comment spewed by
sophist. Incarceration has become a euphemism
for kidnapping & hostage taking.

We have initiated a petition to raise awareness
& support. If previously, you were unaware of this
abiding attack upon the American people, you know
now. We are demanding the immediate release of our
loved one's; we are demanding accountability &
substantive change; and we are demanding reparations.
Until then we will have no confidence in the criminal
justice system as a whole.

For more information visit www.manu
We look forward to hearing from you.

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