Dear LEAP Partner,

From one year to the next, it’s hard to imagine the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) exceeding the work of our previous year, but here we are doing it again. Our success is undoubtedly credited to the collective efforts of our volunteer speakers, staff, board of directors, and partners like you. LEAP is truly a team effort, a partnership, and I am extremely grateful.

Throughout this annual report you will see evidence of our accomplishments, but in this letter, I feel the need to focus upon two very significant recent events: COVID-19 and the murder of George Floyd, and the impact of both on LEAP’s work going forward.

Beginning early in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in over 186,000 deaths thus far in the U.S. and forced governors to institute “stay at home” orders contributing to the loss of millions of jobs, sending this country into a place of economic despair. It has also crossed over into the world of public safety. As such, it has been LEAP’s duty to address the challenges the pandemic has created for our incarcerated population and for policing on the streets. What we are all experiencing right now is an example of the fragile nexus between public health and public safety.

Then on May 25, 2020, we were hit with the murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis. Mr. Floyd’s horrifying death has resulted in an overwhelming cry for police reform. Citizens, elected officials, and even some police are uniting their voices in an effort to invoke essential reforms. This moment in history has the potential to be the genesis of the most significant police reform ever witnessed in the U.S., but we must be intentional and relentless in our call for change.

LEAP broke records in 2019, but we never could have imagined how urgent our work would become in 2020 and beyond. In many respects, George Floyd’s murder, which represents all police killings of black men and women by the police over the past few decades, has resulted in an even larger divide between police and the communities they have sworn to equally serve. LEAP is that uniquely positioned group of police, prosecutors, judges, corrections officials and community partners that can objectively foster cutting-edge, practical solutions that can begin to heal this division.

Shortly after Mr. Floyd’s murder, LEAP published a list of reasonable reforms for local, state and national levels. This list summarizes a handful of reforms that should be immediately acted upon. Long term, tangible change will take a community-led collaborative effort in reimagining public safety and health. Community-based responses and resources will lead the way. LEAP has been preparing for this day, working toward new policing and justice paradigms that are designed to work for the benefit of all people.

Thank you for standing with us as we move through our most significant year yet. We deeply appreciate your support and need it now more than ever. In fact, we call on you, our partners, to share this report and LEAP’s message with those in your world. And we ask you to donate whatever you can to our united cause (you will find details on how to do so at the end of this report). We are eager to break new ground with our faithful partners and establish new relationships born of the call for real action. Let’s get to work and change our world for the better.

In solidarity,

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
Executive Director
Law Enforcement Action Partnership
Executive Director Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) testifies on behalf of LEAP in support of the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, calling on Congress to prioritize public safety by allowing legal marijuana businesses to access the banking system. LEAP was the only law enforcement organization invited to testify.
“After being in policing for 30-something years and having the historical perspective, I wanted to lend my voice to reform efforts. The goal is to take my expertise from one of the largest police departments in the nation and speak to how police can bring about change and incorporate social justice into the work of policing.”

-Deputy Commissioner Kevin Bethel (Ret.)
Philadelphia Police Department
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Detroit Metro Times

THE ENQUIRER
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THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC
Washington Examiner
LEAP by the Numbers: 2019

Law Enforcement Speakers: 320  (53 new speakers joined in 2019!)

TV/Radio/Print Appearances: 2541

Live Presentations: 142

Op-eds and Letters to the Editor: 60

Legislative Activity (meetings, testimony, letters, amici curiae): 237

Social Media Presence: 170,540 followers worldwide
2019 New Recruits

“I felt like I could be, firstly, a good judge, a fair judge, and a merciful judge. I felt like I could ensure that people were treated with decency and respect…. But, I also felt there was a need for doing more — moving beyond just taking guilty pleas and trying cases. I wanted to get people connected to treatment and services.”

-- Stephen Wallace

“We need to be smart about crime and focus our resources on the most serious threats to public safety while allowing people reentering society to become productive community members.

-- Jason Jakubowski

To rebuild trust with the community, we have to train the public on what justified force looks like. We have to train officers on what excessive force is — procedural justice.

-- Vance Williams

Anecdotally, about 95% of our crime involves substance use disorder, but there’s no place for people to get help. I joined LEAP because I want to help ensure my community has access to treatment and the opportunity to succeed.

-- Johnn Osborn
Our whole job is based on public trust. We are given authority by community members. If we do something that erodes public trust, we need to hold everybody accountable, including myself, to address it.

-- Paul Pazen

It’s tough because when you come to this profession, and when you come into a leadership role, you can read all the books you want, but nobody actually prepares you for what you’re going to come up against.

-- Vera Bumpers

We need to be willing to think beyond just the size of the police department to the department’s strategies... to rethink policies that cause people to lose trust in police. And we need to be willing to examine programs that get to the root of complex societal ills, in ways that cycling people through the justice system cannot.

-- Gary Nelson
2019 New Recruits, cont.

...there is nowhere that is better situated to address the civil rights crisis, incarceration, and the disparate racial outcomes in the criminal justice system, than in prosecutors’ offices. ... providing resources to prosecutors is the best way to solve these really urgent social problems.

-- Lucy Lang

There’s clearly something very wrong with a society that is willing to spend more money to incarcerate people that are mentally ill than to treat them.

-- Steve Leifman

We spend a lot of time on tactical skills and search warrants. We spend so little time teaching and re-teaching people how to communicate. Everything that I recall learning was about being on the defense. Safety is very important. When you get to the tactical part, it’s hard to teach if you’re not teaching good communication skills.

-- Quovella Spruill

Our actions must reflect the highest of policing standards, and our communities should demand and expect that we create a safe, just America by following proven guidelines.

-- Sonia Pruitt
2019 New Recruits, cont.

“It doesn’t matter how good we do something in policing: if it doesn’t matter to the community, it doesn’t have value. So, we need to know what matters to them.”

-- Marc Buslik

“A healthy profession is one that evolves and changes, so when you see change is necessary, you speak to the issue.”

-- Matthew Willis

“If we are ever going to turn the tide, it must start with young people.”

-- Diana Becton

First Sergeant Jessica Murphy, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, MD
Commander Dave Mather (Ret.), Cheney Police Department, WA
Ray Porter, Unified Corrections Administrator, Waldo and Knox County Sheriff's Offices, ME
Deputy Chief Joseph Alessi, Jr., Chatham Police Department, NY
Clara Rodriguez, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Essex County, NJ
Officer Shannon Wintruba (Ret.), Whitaker Police Department, PA
2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Law Enforcement Recruitment

LEAP focused on recruitment efforts nationwide, particularly for currently serving officers in strategic locations, to bolster local progress and add new law enforcement voices to LEAP’s speakers bureau.

In 2019 we recruited 53 new law enforcement representatives, including current police chiefs in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, and Iowa; a current police commander in Chicago; two current police captains in Maryland; sitting judges in Alabama and Florida; current and retired deputy chiefs in New York; current sheriffs in New York and Massachusetts; a former assistant US attorney in Arizona; and current district attorneys in California, Maine and New York.

Our speakers are credible, diverse, and knowledgeable about a wide range of topics within the criminal justice system, always putting public safety at the forefront of our advocacy efforts.

Media Presence

LEAP speakers steer criminal justice commentary in the media and in public discourse. Our speakers made headlines throughout 2019, appearing in media outlets including the Washington Post, the New York Times, Fox News, NPR, the Boston Globe, Tulsa World, VICE, the Baltimore Sun, the Arizona Republic, The Crime Report, The Guardian, Tennessean, The Appeal, the Washington Examiner, the Sacramento Bee, the Star Tribune, the Real News Network, the New York Daily News, the Los Angeles Times, Mic, the Houston Chronicle, Raw Story, the Fort Worth Star, the London Evening Standard, CBS News, the Chicago Tribune, the Dallas News, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Detroit Metro Times, the St. Louis Dispatch, the Arizona Mirror, Now This, Netflix, The Hill, and many more.

Key Policy Efforts

As our law enforcement representation expands, so does our influence: in 2019, our legislative activity stats totaled 237, including meetings, testimony, sign-on letters and amici curiae – this number is a dramatic increase from 2018, in which we took 93 legislative actions.

Our speakers worked on groundbreaking reform efforts throughout 2019. Here are just a few highlights:
SAFE Banking Act

Executive Director Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) testified before the U.S. House Financial Services Committee in support of the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, which would protect legitimate, tax-paying marijuana businesses and their employees from theft and violence by allowing access to financial services.

LEAP was the only law enforcement organization invited to testify, and we pointed out how important this bill would be for public safety. Forcing a high-volume business to rely on a cash-on-hand system places a target on the backs of employees, making dispensaries targets for thieves. In February, Major Franklin urged the House Financial Services Committee to take action, and they showed us that they heard our call to protect local businesses and workers by approving the bill in March, moving it forward to the full House. Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate in April.

This is an important step for marijuana reform and a proactive measure for public safety. In the words of Major Franklin, “eliminating cash-only businesses so people can properly manage their cash, use electronic transactions and other types of payment systems makes for a much safer environment for everyone, whether it’s business owners, employees, or the people patronizing the business.”

MORE Act

In November, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act – the most sweeping marijuana reform bill ever heard in Congress – went before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee. Ahead of the committee vote, Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) called legislators advocating for the MORE Act, and was invited to speak about the bill at a press conference organized by Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler. LEAP also joined a coalition of more than 100 organizations in signing onto a letter of support for the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act.

The MORE Act would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act, provide for the expungement of criminal records, reduce collateral consequences for those convicted of marijuana crimes, and reinvest in communities most harmed by marijuana prohibition. It is about more than simply allowing people to purchase marijuana legally: it’s about righting the wrongs of our failed experiment with marijuana prohibition. The House Judiciary Committee made the responsible choice and passed the bill, paving the way for a full vote on the House floor. As the only law enforcement organization invited to speak about this historic bill, LEAP’s voice was heard!
2019 HIGHLIGHTS, cont.

Transparency & Accountability

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) co-authored an op-ed with musician John Legend for the Chicago Tribune calling out the Fraternal Order of Police’s unfounded opposition to accountability and transparency reforms in Chicago. The piece was covered by Business Insider and four other outlets.

Major Franklin also delivered written testimony for improving police accountability in Maryland, and LEAP signed a letter in support of police transparency and accountability legislation.

LEAP signed on to an amicus brief on the qualified immunity issue for the Supreme Court case Baxter v. Bracey. We also signed on to a bipartisan amicus brief supporting police accountability in the Doe v. Woodward Supreme Court case, and the Cato Institute highlighted LEAP’s support.

Deputy Chief Stephen Downing (Ret.) and Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) provided advice on police accountability legislation in California.

LEAP hosted a webinar on using police data to reduce racial disparities, led by Chief Chris Burbank (Ret.) and Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff from the Center for Policing Equity.

Officer Brian Gaughan (Fmr. submitted written testimony in support of renewing police stop data collection legislation, HB 1613, in Illinois. Assistant State’s Attorney Inge Fryklund (Fmr.) and Officer Dave Franco (Ret.) signed on to a letter in support of the bill, which passed the Illinois Senate, and was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in early 2020.

Chief Tim Lentz (Fmr., Chief Bryan Zeringue, and Officer Tim Hitt (Ret. gave quotes in support of police stop data collection legislation in Louisiana. The bill passed.

LEAP signed on to an amicus brief in support of police accountability for Jessop v. Fresno, in which the Supreme Court was asked to consider whether police officers who allegedly stole property while executing a search warrant were immune from being sued for violating the Fourth Amendment.

The Los Angeles Times interviewed Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) to discuss new data indicating a leading cause of death for young black men in America is being killed by police.
(Top) LEAP’s UK team attend the 2019 United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna.

(Bottom) LEAP UK joins Anyone’s Child to promote a lobbying day in Westminster
2019 HIGHLIGHTS, cont.

Lieutenant Diane Goldstein (Ret.) discussed police accountability for officers who work at schools with The Appeal.

Forbes mentioned LEAP’s participation in an amicus brief urging the Ninth Circuit Court to rehear a qualified immunity case in which police stole over $200,000.

LAPD Deputy Chief Stephen Downing (Ret.) penned an article in the Beachcomber on the newspaper’s lawsuit against the Long Beach Police Department for failing to release records related to police misconduct investigations as provided by law.

Thirteen LEAP police chiefs and prosecutors signed on to a letter in support of prosecutors using Brady Lists to prevent problematic police witnesses from damaging cases.

Police-Community Relations

LEAP hosted a law enforcement roundtable in Alabama, collaborating with the Southern Poverty Law Center to provide a forum for law enforcement to discuss structuring effective sentencing, preventing addiction-related crime, increasing police transparency, responding to mental health crises, strengthening diversion programs, and building police-community trust.

LEAP and multiple speakers joined ally organizations in a national statement of law enforcement executives, supporting a forward-thinking approach to mental health issues. The statement was covered by 58 news outlets.

Assistant US Attorney Chiraag Bains (Fmr.) published an op-ed in the New York Times about how prosecutors can improve police-community trust by holding police accountable, including through do-not-call lists for officers who commit misconduct.

During a national restorative justice conference, Chief Mike Butler presented on how the Longmont Police Department uses pre-booking diversion in restorative justice programs, and Captain Chris Dennison spoke about the Tucson Police Department’s restorative supervision model, which brings restorative and procedural justice into internal police discipline.

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) spoke at a briefing event and contributed to an op-ed in The Hill on how law enforcement can implement pre-booking diversion with a focus on reducing racial disparities in the justice system.
Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller and Detective Debbie Ramsey (Ret.) spoke on a panel about law enforcement and homelessness at a national homelessness conference in DC. Detective Ramsey also spoke on a panel for legislators on policing issues in honor of National Police Week.

Deputy Inspector Corey Pegues (Ret.) spoke on a panel organized by an ally about race and community policing in New York.

In California, Sergeant Cheryl Dorsey (Ret.), Assistant City Prosecutor Yvette McDowell (Fmr.), and Sergeant Terry Blevins (Fmr.) provided oral and written testimony to the Los Angeles City Council in opposition to a menthol tobacco ban, which would disproportionately impact communities of color and further damage police-community relations. Major Franklin met with the Sacramento City Council and Chief John Dixon (Ret.) gave oral and written testimony to the Sacramento City Council also in opposition to a menthol tobacco ban.

Commissioner Ship and Major Franklin (Ret.) led a LEAP webinar on why banning the sale of menthol cigarettes will further damage police trust and effectiveness in the black community.

LEAP hosted a webinar on trauma-informed policing and prosecution, led by Detective Justin Boardman (Fmr.), Licensed Clinical Social Worker Alison Trenk, and Assistant District Attorney Lucy Lang (Fmr.)

LEAP signed on to an organizational letter in support of the Fair Housing Act.

In Virginia, Chief John Dixon (Fmr.) and Eric Tars of the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty were published in the Washington Post endorsing housing solutions over criminalization for people experiencing homelessness.

In Colorado, Chief Mike Butler spoke to the state legislature for a hearing on criminal justice reform, he discussed the need for alternatives to the traditional justice system, including the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program and mental health co-responders.

In Florida, Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) spoke at the annual conference for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice on strategies for justice reform. Chief Mike Butler spoke to Tallahassee political, faith, law enforcement, and community leaders on the need for restorative justice to transform police-community relations and improve public safety in the city. He also held two press conferences and an editorial board meeting on the topic.
Incarceration

More than 40 LEAP speakers signed onto a letter opposing the federal Office of Personnel Management’s proposed new guidelines requiring people to disclose on federal applications whether they’d ever participated in a diversion program after committing a crime. Diversion programs help remove low-risk individuals from the criminal justice system and provide access to wraparound rehabilitation programs that address the root causes of their crime, including drug addiction and mental health treatment options, employment counseling, health care, and housing assistance. These programs are an effective step in reducing incarceration, recidivism, and criminal justice spending, and participating in them should be encouraged, not punished through the potential loss of a job. Following pushback from criminal justice experts including LEAP, the Administration dropped its plans to expand background checks.

Throughout 2019, LEAP worked on voting rights restoration in several states, including California, Florida, New Jersey, New York and Washington, DC. Officer Nick Bucci (Ret.) submitted testimony in support of S-2100, restoring voting rights to people who are incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. One senator named LEAP’s support of the bill as the deciding factor of his own support of S-2100. LEAP also submitted a memorandum supporting Restore the Vote New York, citing the right to vote as not only a civil rights issue, but a way to keep people on parole invested in their communities.

When Texas lawmakers introduced a law that would make the already-broken cash bail system in Texas even worse, LEAP speaker Assistant District Attorney Jake Lilly knew he had to speak out. ADA Lilly wrote an op-ed arguing that the bail system already treats people unjustly based on income and HB 2020 would only add to the problem. He described a system clogged with low-level cases, people forced to plead guilty to avoid sitting in jail awaiting trial, overcrowded jails costing taxpayers, and children with incarcerated parents placed at-risk. Lilly argued for a smart pretrial system based on public safety, not access to cash. The op-ed was picked up by the AP News. Lawmakers heard ADA Lilly’s plea and rejected HB 2020.

Eleven LEAP police chiefs and prosecutors signed on to an amicus brief supporting bail reform in Alabama.

Officer Sheri Ray (Fmr.) testified in opposition to SB 36, a bill that would create an online felony registry in Indiana. The state already had public, searchable databases in place,
(Clockwise from the top:) Chief Mike Butler addresses attendees at the Tallahassee Restorative Justice Forum.

Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller at the National Forum on the Human Right to Housing, with Eric Tars, legal director for the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

Sergeant Cheryl Dorsey (Ret.) and Assistant City Prosecutor Yvette McDowell (Ret.) testify before the Los Angeles City Council on the public safety threats of menthol bans.
making the online registry a waste of resources and a significant roadblock for job seekers who may have a felony conviction on their record. Officer Ray pointed out that felony registries are not proven to keep communities safer or to contribute to the rehabilitation of those with convictions. Making it more difficult for formerly incarcerated people to get work makes it that much more difficult for them to get their lives back on track. Some may be forced to return to crime as the only option to support themselves. SB 36 did not move forward, due in large part to Officer Ray’s powerful testimony.

LEAP sent a letter to the governor of California in support of a bill to eliminate a mandatory minimum one-year sentencing enhancement for repeat offenses. The governor signed the bill.

LEAP signed on to a letter in support of the Restoring Education and Learning (REAL) Act to reinstate Pell Grant funding for incarcerated people.

Director of Probation Martin Horn (Fmr.) and Director of Probation and Chief Probation Officer David Muhammad (Fmr.) signed on to a national statement in support of safely reducing the population of people under supervision.

In Washington, DC, LEAP signed on to a statement in support of legislation to extend sentence review opportunities for young adults sentenced to long prison terms. LEAP also signed onto a letter in support of B23-0324 – Restore the Vote Amendment Act of 2019 – legislation that expands the vote to District incarcerated residents who have a felony conviction.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick Nightingale (Fmr.) signed on to a statement in support of Pennsylvania state legislation to reform the probation and parole system. LEAP signed on as an organization, and Officer Shannon Wintruba (Ret.) spoke in support of the probation/parole reform legislation on an ally’s panel discussion.

In California, LEAP signed letters in support of: repealing the 1-year mandatory sentencing enhancement for priors; restoring voting rights to Californians on parole; and reform preventing cities from towing cars for poverty-related issues. We also signed on to an amicus brief for a case that resulted in a judgment requiring the consideration of a defendant’s ability to pay. An ally mentioned LEAP’s support for civil asset forfeiture reform in Forbes and the Los Angeles Times interviewed Lt. Diane Goldstein (Ret.) about the Timbs v. Indiana Supreme Court decision on civil asset forfeiture and the revival of fines and fees legislation.
Chief of Detectives Quovella Spruill (Ret.), Lieutenant Nick Bucci (Ret.), and Assistant District Attorney Joe Surman (Fmr.) spoke on a phone conference with a key New Jersey legislator to earn his support for restoring voting rights to people with felony convictions in New Jersey, including those still incarcerated.

Harm Reduction

LEAP and an ally organization published a letter signed by more than 40 police chiefs, sheriffs, and elected prosecutors in support of providing Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in correctional facilities. We also issued a press release extensively quoting our speakers. The release was covered by the Associated Press and three other outlets.

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) signed on in support of the North Carolina First Step Act, creating a judicial safety valve for drug mandatory minimums. He also sent a letter to the governor encouraging him to veto the Death by Distribution bill. Corrections Officer and Deputy Sheriff Sheri Ray wrote a letter to the governor and called key legislators to oppose the legislation that would open the door to prosecuting people for homicide for delivering a fatal dose of drugs.

Major Franklin, Detective Debbie Ramsey (Ret.), Deputy Secretary Wendell France (Ret.), and Judge Gordon McAllister, as well as LEAP as an organization, signed on to a letter in support of legislation to authorize pilot overdose prevention centers in Maryland. Major Franklin, House of Representatives Assistant Counsel Eric Sterling (Fmr.), and LEAP Program Director Amos Irwin testified in support of the overdose prevention centers.

Deputy Secretary France of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and Assistant Counsel Sterling testified in support of providing Medication-Assisted Treatment in correctional facilities in Maryland.

LEAP endorsed the federal Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act to expand funding for effective addiction treatment and recovery programs. LEAP submitted a letter signed by more than 50 speakers opposing proposed federal employment form changes that would require applicants to disclose participation in diversion programs. The administration dropped the proposed changes.

LEAP signed on to a letter on the global health and human rights crisis among people who use drugs, which was shared with governments, UN officials, and the media following
2019 HIGHLIGHTS, cont.

the 26th International Harm Reduction Conference. The International Drug Policy Consortium worked alongside various NGO partners to draft the sign-on letter, calling on the United Nations and governments worldwide to take urgent action to address the ongoing health and human rights crisis among people who use drugs.


In New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Bar Association highlighted LEAP and an ally’s letter endorsing medication-assisted treatment in correctional facilities as part of a national trend to offer incarcerated people more comprehensive drug treatment services.

Drug Policy

LEAP made several media appearances and signed onto a public letter in support of Maryland State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby’s announcement that she would decline to prosecute most marijuana offenses. Also in Maryland, Judge Gordon McAllister (Ret. testified in support of legalizing marijuana, and he published an op-ed in the Bay Times and Record Observer in support of syringe decriminalization legislation.

In Ohio, Chief Tom Synan sent an individual letter to every member of the Ohio Senate and House in support of Senate Bill 3, which would defelonize most simple drug possession and reduce technical probation revocations. The bill passed the senate.

LEAP UK was invited to give evidence at an inquiry in Parliament, hosted by the Scottish Affairs Committee. Police Inspector Jim Duffy (Ret.), a former Chair of the Strathclyde Police Federation, represented LEAP UK with a powerful statement about the drug death problem in Scotland, which has the highest rate of drug death in Europe.
(Clockwise from the top:) Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) speaks at a press conference in support of the Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement (MORE) Act.

Captain Chris Dennison, on behalf of Chief Chris Magnus, leads a discussion at the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice.

Chief Tom Synan addresses the opioid crisis.

Detective Debbie Ramsey (Ret.) addresses the US House of Representatives on police militarization.
LEAP UK’s award-winning Stop and Search podcast has hosted celebrities, former presidents, scientists, MPs, filmmakers, comedians, authors, doctors, the British Medical Journal, and more. In June, they teamed with Anyone’s Child: Families for Safer Drug Control to promote a lobbying day in Westminster, urging the government to consider crucial drug reforms.

In early 2019, LEAP UK traveled to Vienna to attend the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs annual meeting. There, our UK team called on the UN to recognize that our current drug policies have failed and must be reformed from a policing perspective.

Sergeant Terry Blevins (Fmr.) testified in support of earned credit legislation promoting truth in sentencing. He also testified to the need for a clear definition of medical marijuana, one that does not cause confusion for members of law enforcement, in regard to proposed legislation on the matter.

Detective Sergeant Ted Nelson (Ret.) worked with the Michigan Impaired Driving Commission to recommend against setting legal limits for THC for purposes of arrest. Setting a legal limit would place people who use marijuana but are not driving while impaired at risk of arrest, increasing their fear and distrust of the police. The Commission agreed that arrests must be made on observation of driving and the operator’s ability to pass sobriety-type testing. Detective Sergeant Nelson played a significant role in the Commission’s recommendation.
2019 Major Donors

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