

# April 2023 Lobby Day Policy Agenda

## Our Mission

Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) is the largest national youth-led network dedicated to ending the War on Drugs. Founded in 1998, SSDP is comprised of thousands of members in hundreds of communities around the United States. At its heart, SSDP is a grassroots organization, led by a Board of Directors primarily elected by and from our student and youth members. We bring young people of all political and ideological orientations together to have honest conversations about drugs and drug policy. We create change by providing a platform where students collaborate, communicate, and coach each other to generate policy change, deliver honest drug education, and promote harm reduction.

## Long Term policy vision

Declare an official end to the war on drugs and create a truth and reconciliation commission to quantify the damage done by the war on drugs, and the necessary community investment to replace mass incarceration with policies grounded in science, reason and compassion.

## 118th Congress policy requests

### Cannabis

- Include prisoner resentencing and release in any legalization bill.
- Descheduling not rescheduling of cannabis and other drugs.

### Psychedelics

- Repeal the Rave act
- Co-sponsor the Psychedelic Breakthroughs Act.
  - Add LSD to the breakthrough therapies act.

### Harm reduction

- Repeal ban on individuals convicted of a felony from accessing SNAP or other benefits.
- Send a letter encouraging the Department of Education to clarify through an official memo that the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act(DFSCA) does not prevent college campuses from implementing harm reduction programs or reducing university penalties for substance use.

## Organizational Partners

