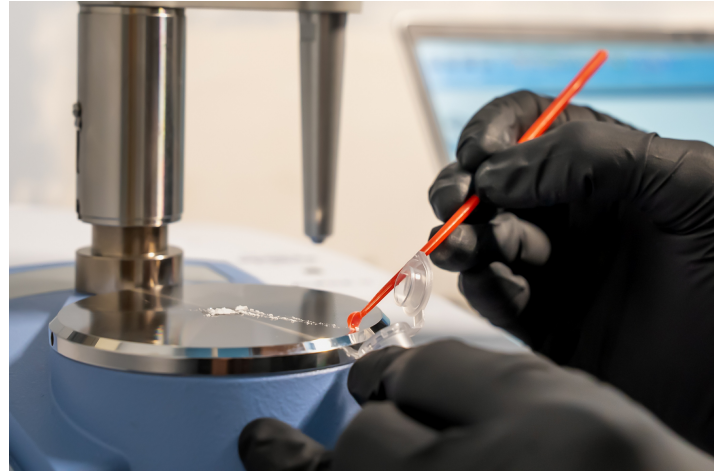


## **NY'S MARIJUANA LAW—PUTTING PEOPLE BEFORE CORPORATIONS.**

**Marking five years  
of the MRTA.** →



### **5 Years of Legal Marijuana in New York**

As we mark 5 years of New York's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), we celebrate how this landmark law has helped redefine marijuana legalization by centering community repair and reinvestment.

[How Has the MRTA Helped?](#)

### **Special Event: Addiction Science Under Siege**

Join us on May 7 at 3pm ET for a briefing and launch of a new national impact report, "Addiction Science Under Siege". We'll discuss how constraints on scientific independence have weakened evidence-based responses to addiction and overdose.

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### **How Does Drug Scheduling Work?**

U.S. drug scheduling should be based on science, yet current classifications often fail to reflect the evidence, limit research, and expand punishment. Our approach should focus on what works -expanding care, treatment, and prevention, and letting science guide policy.

[Watch AOC Explain](#)

### **We're Tracking Federal Budget Cuts: See the Latest Data**

Massive cuts are being made to health and treatment services while billions of dollars are redirected toward historic military spending and immigration crackdowns—dragging us into costly, endless wars. Americans must understand the real-world consequences this will have on community safety and health.

[Track These Cuts](#)

### **What Made You Rethink the Drug War?**

We asked folks what made them rethink the drug war. People shared personal stories about criminalization tearing their families apart, firsthand accounts from front line workers, and memories of lost loved ones.

[Here's What They Said](#)

## Urge Congress to Pass the MORE Act

The Trump administration has given another half-measure instead of real marijuana reform. They announced they're moving state-regulated medical marijuana products from Schedule I to III – and considering rescheduling all marijuana later. Find out why this isn't nearly enough.

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### BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

DPA board member, Josiah Rich MD, MPH, is an award-winning physician, researcher, and infectious disease and addiction specialist. Last week he spoke at Hope on the Horizon, hosted by the Scientific American and West Virginia University Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute in Washington, DC. He advocated for more comprehensive and accessible care for those struggling with substance use disorder.

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