

Dear Officer.

As seen from a social and anthropological perspective, you have encountered an organism which has arisen because of the need to find remedies in matters of life and death. The corona crisis has shaken up the cannabis market, forcing people to pay 400 NOK and upwards for a gram, and regular users are struggling. People who thought they would never pay 200 NOK are now paying up to 600 NOK a gram, and those most in need of their medicine cannot find any.

We know medical consumers who have been forced over on opioids during this transition. We also know people who have been robbed, beaten, even tortured under these conditions. Still others have been cheated or tricked into buying worthless, even poisonous products.

To remedy these conditions, conglomerates of user groups have arisen. The collapse in the drug market have not only made the price for regular users impossible, but the scarcity ensures personal stress and economic strain which gives rise to structures like this—structures where users come together to ensure a more stable and functional living.

As a group, we have [long been](#) in contact with the police, offering our services and cooperation in building a case for the human rights of drug users. Just like [organizations](#) of medical users (who have used the principle of necessity and the right to an effective remedy to get authorities to act on their duties), we have asked authorities to respond to the failure of the political process.

Contrary to constitutional and human rights law, [this process](#) does not include recreational and medical users, nor those involved with the drugs economy. We have written [letters](#), [legal complaints](#), and [articles](#) on this failure to grant protections inherent in the rule of law, but as of yet those responsible for policy have refused to engage.

Even though the report of the Royal Norwegian Commission spells out human rights abuses, public officials continue to debate drug policy on unconstitutional merits. The willful ignorance of human rights [obligations](#) must come to an end. To ensure this, we have contacted the Prosecution Authority and Police Directorate, asking for sound guidelines and proper assurances in advancing the rights of the persecuted. We have also contacted individual police officers, asking them to join our common cause.

As is clear by evidence admissible to the court, the persecuted groups have been hunted down on unconstitutional terms for more than 10 years. *This duress must stop. We will not look away while the state wrongfully deprives a people of liberty. We will not accept more families being unnecessarily divided by the force of prohibition law. And we will not tolerate the corrupting influence of the drugs economy on our lives or neighborhoods.* To bring back integrity to the structure of law, therefore, we have encouraged the police to stand with us in advancing the rights of both society and the persecuted.

As it stands, there are [five questions](#) that must be answered to the satisfaction of an independent, impartial, and competent tribunal. Until this is done, the drug law continues to destroy society on unlawful terms, and so we have communicated the importance that the police support human rights. We all have an obligation to advance human rights. Hence, in the spirit of brotherhood, we have [appealed](#) to their responsibility for the rule of law but come up short.

None have accepted our offer to deliver cannabis product to the police or Prosecution Authority. None have cared for the integrity of human rights or the merits of the drug law. Instead, as shown in the [documents](#) prepared, the eagerness with which public officials have ignored the right to an

effective remedy has been in violation of their sworn duty. The consequences for the respect of the law has been disastrous, and so we take this occasion to honor its code.

Now that we finally have a case, we make known that we do not respect the drug law. We do not respect it, because we do not accept the flawed double standards of our time, and because the drug war has been a great injustice. Like social clubs elsewhere, therefore, we maintain a right to health and privacy. The state has shied short of its obligations in this area for too long. Our conglomerate of users has done no harm, and in the name of justice—to save lives and prepare for a period of truth and reconciliation—we want our day in Court.

*We want the state to grant us a fair trial, and we want the drug law under principled scrutiny; We want the question of guilt to be determined by an independent, impartial tribunal, competent to deal with matters of constitutional weight; We want an end to the mindless, yet rampant persecution; We want an end to the scapegoating; and we demand an effective remedy against the hardships brought by laws founded on totalitarian principles.*

In the name of justice, this must be done. For the rule of law, there is no other way—and so again, we ask the police to stand with us in this quest for redemption.

Assist us, and you will bring back a trust that has gone missing for [good reasons](#). You will restore honor to a profession that is clearly [struggling](#) with its values, and you will find personal redemption from having aided and abetted a deeply flawed system.

Yours Sincerely,