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FBP Condemns Mexico's New Drug Legalization Policy

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As Mexico gets set to legalize "personal use" amounts of such dangerous narcotics as methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin, Friends of the Border Patrol's members demands that Washington "finally gets serious about border enforcement."

"This legalization will only serve to dramatically increase the violence and tension on our southern border. The U.S. Border with Mexico is already controlled by heavily armed narcotics traffickers and our Border Patrol Agents are woefully outmanned and outgunned. Making these poisons legal in Mexico will just make it that much easier for armed smugglers to bring massive amounts of drugs to the border for transport to American neighborhoods and schoolyards. This will ratchet up the pressure and violence even further. We call on President Bush to immediately take back control of our borders." stated Scott James, FBP Senior Consultant and former Border Patrol Agent.

A Department of State's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs report states that "Mexico is the principal transit country for South American cocaine entering the United States, the leading foreign source of marijuana, and a principal source of heroin." However, President Bush has certified Mexico as "performing well" in the war on drugs since 2002, giving 34 million dollars in law enforcement aid to Mexico in 2004.

"While President Bush continues to push for the amnesty of illegal aliens, our southern borders remain wide open to terrorists and narcotics smugglers," concluded James.

Andy Ramirez, FBP Chairman added, "Border Patrol agents have been ambushed, and assaults have gone up astronomically each of the past few years. Sheriffs along the Mexican border from San Diego to the Gulf of Mexico have had standoffs with heavily armed narcotic smugglers including personnel of the Mexican military. Yet, the Bush Administration, DHS, FBI, DEA, and Office of Border Patrol have not uttered a word of opposition or protest. This action by Mexico not only further endangers law enforcement personnel, but the American people especially our youth at schools and playgrounds."

"Who did we elect in 2004 George W. Bush . . . or Vicente Fox? Bush's deafening silence makes it pretty clear. America thought we re-elected a conservative and we got Mexican President Fox instead," concluded Ramirez.

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