



To: [Drugs Peace Institute](#)
Blauwkapelseweg 123
3572KE Utrecht

Maastricht, 27 September 2017

Dear DPI,

It is with great pleasure that we took notice of your initiative to nominate the cannabis social club model (CSC) together with the Huichol people of Mexico for the Nobel Peace Prize.

We accept this nomination with great pride and we value this token of appreciation for our work.

We greatly appreciate the fact that our fight for individual and spiritual freedom and for the rights of sick people has not escaped your attention.

In these modern times of progress and development of the individual it is almost unthinkable that there are still people being oppressed, criminalized and prosecuted because they choose to make use of a plant in a cultural, spiritual or medical context.

We will continue to put our efforts into finding a more pragmatic solution that respects the freedom of choice and the individual freedom of every person.

For us this nomination is a homage to all the existing CSCs and the long road they have travelled so far and the distance that is covered by their work and sacrifices. This nomination is a homage to everybody that supports the cannabis social club model, one way or another, an homage to all the members of the CSC's - no club can exist without the support of its members -, and to everybody that inspires and works towards a better future for all.

Even though there is still a long way to go we remain convinced of the advantages and virtues from the model and the positive impact it can have on society. This nomination will surely stimulate us to continue our inspiring, interesting and fascinating journey.

Thank you so much for this kind gesture and this token of appreciation,

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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