

political will. Calling and writing those who represent us to promote legislation like a renters tax credit can help this come about. Our voices are what will create the political will for this lofty goal.

Why not invite your representatives to the Peace Park and then ask them to work with you to end hunger and poverty and usher in a new era of peace?

*Willie Dickerson
Snohomish, Wash.*

GENDER POLITICS

I just love it when men “correct” women’s opinions.

Take, for example, my letter pleading for the plight of waterfowl being harmed by people feeding them. So some man reads my letter (*EW*, 7/3) and decides that my idea is stupid and his idea — that I should get out there with clippers to uncover the signs — is the way better solution — thank you, Tom Arnold (*Letters*, 7/25).

And Linda Perrine’s ideas to lower carbon footprints (*EW*, 7/18) — corrected by Sal Pietromonico (*Letters*, 7/25).

I’m not saying that these obviously intelligent males ideas aren’t valid. Perhaps they are (especially the one about fewer children). Maybe they could be written about in separate letters, without dismissing three women’s ideas.

And has anyone noticed the proportion of men’s letters that are published, compared to women’s letters? Perhaps these obviously intelligent men should examine their biases and voice their opinions without the need to “correct” women.

Believe me, this is just one of the many ways that “intelligent” men try to keep us in line.

*Jean Denis
Eugene*

ENDING PROHIBITION

American Government 101 is pretty clear: The chair of a committee can single-handedly determine if a bill is going to be called for a vote or not.

Never in American history has the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee introduced a bill to end federal cannabis criminalization.

This week, that has changed with the actions of Representative Jerry Nadler and his introduction of The Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act.

After nearly a century of prohibition, it is clear our drug policy has been an absolute failure and a national disgrace. All we have to show for the war we have waged on cannabis is the egregious harms it has wrought upon tens of millions of our fellow citizens.

More than 200 members have co-sponsored one piece of legislation or another having to do with cannabis policy, but with the introduction of MORE, Rep. Nadler has drawn the line in the sand.

By passing the act, Congress can begin to remedy the pain caused by the criminalization of cannabis. This bill provides a real federal solution by fully de-scheduling cannabis from the Controlled Substances Act and providing relief to those suffering under the collateral consequences of having a cannabis charge on their record by facilitating the process of expungements.

It’s time for a better approach. The American public is overwhelmingly ready to legalize adult-use cannabis.

*Curtis Taylor
Eugene*



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