



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Changing the Conversation on Marijuana

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On December 11, I was proud to stand with Senator Liz Krueger as she announced her legislation to legalize marijuana in New York State. Senator Krueger's bill is a courageous step towards an open and honest debate about the criminalization of marijuana, which disproportionately impacts people of color, young, and low-income New Yorkers. Legalizing possession and personal use of small amounts of marijuana would eliminate disparities in marijuana arrests and permit our criminal justice system to more effectively deploy scarce resources.