

Dear Maxine and Willem,

I was asked to comment on the proposed amendment to S.241 that would decriminalize the possession and cultivation of two mature cannabis plants or less.

To be honest, I don't see this proposal having much of an effect on the criminal justice system. Given our limited resources, we tend not to focus on individuals with "personal possession" quantities of cannabis, regardless of whether it is in the form of smokable material or plants in the ground. Decriminalizing possession or cultivated of up to two plants would not materially change the status quo for prosecutors.

Please call me if you have any questions, and feel free to share this email with the committee.

Best Wishes,

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