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Senator Agard Applauds President Biden's Bold Action on Marijuana Reform

MADISON- Today, President Biden issued an executive order pardoning all people convicted of simple marijuana possession under federal law. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement in support of President Biden's executive order:

“The most dangerous things about marijuana is that it is illegal. I applaud the President's recent action on marijuana reform. By pardoning all prior federal convictions of simple marijuana possession, we can begin to right the wrongs of our nation's outdated and inequitable marijuana policy. Too many lives have been wrongfully upended by these convictions and our antiquated laws, from impacting an individual's ability to obtain gainful employment to their ability to secure housing.

“I am also encouraged that the executive order included a request to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law. This is an important step towards nationwide legalization of marijuana. There is clearly more work that needs to be done but these significant steps deserve to be celebrated.”

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