



Eagle Council 53

Thursday, 9/11/25

10:30 am

Speaker: Niforatos, Luke - Luke Niforatos serves as the Executive Vice President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading drug policy experts. Leveraging more than a decade working on drug, addiction and health care issues, Luke drives the strategy behind SAM's federal, state, and educational initiatives. Luke has testified in state capitals across America. He is a sought-after guest on major media outlets including ABC, Fox News, NBC, CNBC, CSPAN, Newsmax, and network affiliates, as well as syndicated and local radio shows in markets coast to coast. Luke has been featured in Time Magazine and as a speaker at drug policy events held by The Economist, the United Nations' Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and hundreds of town halls. Prior to joining SAM, he was the co-founder of a successful healthcare company. Luke attended the University of Denver and has a Master of Arts from Johns Hopkins University.

TITLE: *Fighting Recreational Marijuana*

OUTLINE:

- Industry takeover of marijuana
- Increasing THC potency, addiction, and mental health impact from legalization
- Increases in crime and more cartel impact
- Delta-8 THC and hemp-derived cannabinoids

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