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**Delaware State Senator Chosen as Winner of  
National Cannabis Festival Change Makers Award**

*Senator Margaret Rose Henry to receive award  
for leading cannabis law reform efforts in her state*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** The National Cannabis Festival today announced the selection of Delaware State Senator Margaret Rose Henry as the recipient of the Change Makers Award for leading cannabis reform efforts in her state. Senator Henry will receive the award at the inaugural National Cannabis Festival taking place on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Festival Grounds in Washington, D.C.

Senate Majority Whip Margaret Rose Henry led the fight to legalize medical marijuana in Delaware and expand access to patients who needed it most. She also helped spearhead successful efforts to decriminalize small quantities of the drug in the First State.

"I am honored to be the first recipient of the Change Makers Award. Delaware has come a long way in rethinking the way we look at marijuana, and I thank my colleagues in both the House and Senate for being open-minded about the issue," Henry said. "We still have more to do – but I am proud to support legislation that improves the overall health, well-being, and future of all Delawareans."

The Change Makers Award recognizes policymakers on the state or federal level who have advocated for ending cannabis prohibition in the interest of fiscal policy, personal liberty, medical alternatives and equal justice. Senator Henry's introduction of legislation leading to the establishment of medical cannabis access in Delaware and her efforts to decriminalize cannabis possession to prevent life-altering penalties from being leveled against young people made her the favorite among voters who selected a winner out of 13 state and federal lawmaker nominees.

"Senator Margaret Rose Henry's pragmatic leadership and thorough understanding of the medical and social impact of cannabis reform sets an example for other state legislators," said Cynthia Ferguson, representative for Delaware NORML, "to have her receive this award at the inaugural National Cannabis Festival in Washington, D.C., just one mile from the Capitol Building is very symbolic for cannabis policy reform advocates in Delaware and around the nation."

The Change Makers Award is presented on the main stage at National Cannabis Festival at 3:45pm. **Other confirmed speakers include: Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and DC Councilmember David Grosso.**

Tickets for the festival are available via [Ticketmaster](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and start at \$35 for General Admission or \$250 for the [VIP Package](#). For more information on the forthcoming National Cannabis Festival visit [www.nationalcannabisfestival.com](http://www.nationalcannabisfestival.com).

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**About the National Cannabis Festival:** The National Cannabis Festival is a celebration of progress on legalization of marijuana in DC and across the nation through live music, advocacy and exhibitions. In early 2015 a group of cannabis policy advocates, business leaders and enthusiasts joined together around the idea to host the National Cannabis Festival (NCF), an event celebrating progress on legalization in DC and across the nation. We envisioned creating an event recognizing the spirit of the cannabis movement

and the non-profit groups that have worked to influence state and federal legislators, paving the way for growth of both industry and repeal of prohibition policies. Visit us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or on our [website](#) for more information.