

**Metro Nashville Council meeting
Resolution No. RS2017-920- Shared Equitable Law Enforcement Program**

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Thank you Mr. Speaker, Thank you Council.

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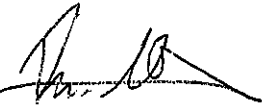
This resolution appears to be great on the surface. However, the “Shared Equitable Program” is a synonym for “Policing for Profit.” By adopting this resolution, we are bypassing the 10th and 4th amendments of our Constitution in return for a little extra money to our state and assistance from the DEA, an organization that has been called on to be de-funded by several congressmen including representative Bernie Frank. The DEA, an entity born from the 1980’s war on drugs, which has resulted in the United States prison population becoming the largest in the world, more than China and Russia combined. Through CIA sponsored Operations like *Watchtower*, narcotics were distributed in poor communities whereas addiction rates soared and so did the prison population.

The DEA has Distributed narcotics, Seized assets without formally charging someone for a crime, departments sold those assets for profit, ---- unwarranted raids, locking up citizens for non-violent drug possession,the prison industrial complex is generating massive revenue for private contractors, state and federal governments.

Last year, **The Institute for Justice** gives the State of Tennessee a grade of “D” for its abusive practices in seizing items from suspects not formally charged with a crime, and then turning those items into a profit. How can the government deem something illegal, then become a beneficiary to those illegal activities?

I support voting against or delaying this bill until our legislators can introduce reforms to civil asset forfeiture. And let us remember, prison rarely reforms a man, but rather brings him to a place of destitution, encouraging more of the same behavior.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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