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As a physician, entrepreneur, and drug policy expert, Dr. Malik Burnett works to advance the broader drug policy reform agenda with the goal of shifting US drug policy from a framework based on criminal justice to one based on public health. Dr. Burnett is currently the Medical Director for the Maryland Department of Health's Center for Harm Reduction Services, an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Addiction Medicine at the University of Maryland Midtown Campus, a consultant for the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service, and a medical director of several community opioid treatment programs. Additionally, he serves as the

Vice Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine Public Policy Committee and is involved in developing a number of venture start-ups and drug policy initiatives through his consulting company, Prevision Strategies and Analytics.

He successfully co-chaired the Initiative 71 campaign, a ballot measure legalizing cannabis in the Nation's Capital, as a policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance. The first campaign in the nation to highlight social and racial justice as the procuring cause for ending cannabis prohibition. Additionally, he has worked on developing medical and adult use cannabis policy in the US Congress, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, and Jamaica. He has written extensively on drug policy, cannabis policy, cannabis science and the endocannabinoid system having his work featured in the [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), CNN, Fox News, [The Lancet Medical Journal](#), VICE News, and many other journal and media outlets.

Dr. Burnett is originally from Montego Bay, Jamaica by way of Atlanta, Georgia. His passion for drug policy is rooted in eliminating the racial disparities which exist in drug enforcement practices. He attended Duke University where he completed a medical degree and a Master's in Business Administration at Duke's School of Medicine and the Fuqua School of Business, respectively, after completing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. At Duke he was very active advocating on behalf of students and under-served communities and served as a Trustee on the Duke University Board of Trustees. He earned his MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and completed his residency training in general preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital and his fellowship training in addiction medicine at University of Maryland Medical Center.