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STATE ATTORNEY ARONBERG ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF NATIONAL WORKING PAPER ON OPIOID EPIDEMIC FOR PROSECUTORS AND POLICYMAKERS

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA – State Attorney Dave Aronberg, who chaired the National District Attorneys Association's (NDAA) Opioid Working Group, comprised of 33 prosecutors from 30 states, announced the release of a Working Paper on the Opioid Epidemic that recommends best practices and policy changes to prosecutors and lawmakers at the local, state and federal levels. After eight months of collaboration, the final product reflects the diverse views of prosecutors representing unique jurisdictions across the country.

Entitled "The Opioid Epidemic: A State and Local Prosecutor Response," the 21-page document marks the first coordinated prosecutor Working Paper to address the crisis.

"One of the top goals for every prosecutor is to ensure safe communities," said Aronberg, "and that means understanding that we can't arrest our way out of an unprecedented opioid epidemic. Thus, in addition to law enforcement proposals, we dedicated a large portion of the Working Paper to prevention and rehabilitation, which are crucial to protecting public safety and saving lives."

State Attorney Aronberg has made opioids a focus of his career as an Assistant Attorney General, State Senator, Special Prosecutor for Prescription Drug Trafficking, and, since 2012, as State Attorney.

“We hope these recommendations will lead to policy changes or, at the very least, spur much-needed conversations about how to address a growing national epidemic that now claims 136 lives per day,” said Aronberg.

The full Working Paper can be accessed at the following link:
<https://ndaa.org/wp-content/uploads/NDAA-Opioid-White-Paper.pdf>.

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