

The following excerpt appeared in the latest Indiana SADD newsletter:

“As you may or may not be aware of, a group of college and university presidents from around the country have joined together for what is known as the Amethyst Initiative. The goal of this new initiative is to create debate concerning the current law requiring individuals to be 21 before legally consuming alcohol. Many of the presidents who have signed this initiative believe that lowering the legal drinking age to 18 will help solve binge drinking problems on college campuses. Other signatories are not convinced, but are encouraging discussions that may lead to some solutions concerning this new culture of binge drinking.

SADD National and Indiana SADD is in opposition to lowering the drinking age; SADD believes that lowering the current minimum-age drinking laws would likely do little, if anything, to reduce problematic drinking behaviors on campuses. Transitioning from 21 to 18 would contribute to the downward age trending of initiation (currently 13) into alcohol use by legally moving it into the high school community.

Learn more about Amethyst Initiative by visiting www.zmethystinitiative.org. Also, educate yourselves and others as to why the 21 legal drinking age came to be and why many still support it today; visit www.why21.org.”