



May 15, 2024

The Honorable David Joyce
United States House of Representatives
2065 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Joyce,

We write today on behalf of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) and Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS). PORAC represents approximately 80,000 public safety members and 955 public safety associations across the state of California and is the largest statewide organization in the United States. ORCOPS is the single voice for law enforcement professionals in Oregon, representing 40 associations and over 4,000 members throughout the state. We are pleased to support your legislation, the *STATES 2.0 Act* (H.R. 6673) which would empower states to have more control over their cannabis laws.

As a public safety association deeply committed to upholding the rule of law and public safety, we believe that HR 6673 presents a significant opportunity to enhance the regulation of cannabis while respecting states' rights and promoting effective law enforcement practices. The *STATES 2.0 Act* empowers states to establish their own regulations for the manufacture, production, possession, distribution, dispensation, administration, or delivery of marijuana. This approach allows states to tailor their cannabis laws to best serve their communities, while also enabling law enforcement agencies to focus resources on addressing more serious crimes and illicit substances.

We believe that HR 6673 strikes a crucial balance between state autonomy and federal oversight, providing a framework that supports effective law enforcement practices while respecting the diverse needs and values of different jurisdictions.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this important legislation. We look forward to the positive impact that the *STATES 2.0 Act* can have on promoting public safety and advancing responsible cannabis policies.

PORAC and ORCOPS appreciate your work on this legislation. We look forward to working together to push this effort forward in the 118th Congress. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our legislative advocates at Steptoe LLP (202) 429-6457.

Very Truly Yours,

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