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Honorable U.S. Representative, Trent Franks

This letter is being written to address an "Associated Press Release" that was published in our "National Newspapers" on December 16, 2014 (attached). As you were named as an interested party to support "Congressional" intervention in prohibiting the States from making "Marijuana" a lawful drug for medical and recreational uses within their States, I am directing this letter to you even though other members of Congress were mentioned within the "Article." I hope you will forward this letter with its supporting documents to all members of Congress who are responsible in overseeing the "U.S. Controlled Substance Acts."

It is reported that you and other members of Congress support additional "Legislation" over and above existing "Laws" that address the use of "Marijuana" within the "Territories"

and "States" of "The United States of America." This raises a question: "If the 'Attorney General' and his 'Deputy Attorney Generals' will not execute and enforce existing laws of 'The United States of America,' by what stretch of the imagination will you believe that those 'Officers' of the 'U.S. Department of Justice' will execute and enforce any additional enactments of "Laws" of "Congress?" What is at issue is the preservation of the "Constitution" for "The United States of America."

The [pretended] "U.S. President, Barack Hussein Obama" and his "Attorney General" and "Deputy Attorney Generals" have taken the position that they have discretionary authority to delegate the "Powers" of "Congress" and the "Powers" of the "President" of "The United States of America" to "regulate," "tax," "execute," and "enforce" the "Laws" of "The United States of America" as enacted under the "Interstate Commerce Clause" of "Article I, Section 8, Clause 3" and implemented under "Article II, Clause 3" of the "Constitution" for "The United States of America" to the "States" of the "Union." There is no need to elaborate on the "Powers" of "Congress" to regulate "Marijuana" under the "Interstate Commerce Clause" of the "U.S. Constitution" as this question of law has been addressed within my "Letter" of November 25, 2014 that was USPS mailed to "U.S. Deputy Attorney General, James M. Cole" (enclosed).

When "Officers" of the government of "The United States of America" refuses to support the "Constitution" as mandated by their "Oath of Office," they openly declare that they have renounced the "Public Office" of which they hold.

The "Deputy Attorney General, James M. Cole" and "U.S. Attorneys" of our "Nation" have used their "Offices" to mislead the "Governors" and "Legislatures" of the "States" into believing that they have authority to violate the "Supreme Laws" of "The United States of America" by issuing forth "Memos" and "Newspaper Articles" declaring that the "Marijuana Prohibition Laws" of "Congress" will not be executed and enforced "equally" and entirely upon the governments and citizens of the "States," a conduct that

is an impeachable offense and is a criminal act of "aiding and abetting in the commission of crimes against the "Laws" of "The United States of America." /<sup>1</sup>

As the "Republican Political Party" will have control of the "House" and "Senate" of "Congress," there is no need to enact additional "Laws" to discourage the "States" from legalizing "Marijuana" for medical and recreational purposes. You only need to issue forth an "Order to Show Cause" upon "Assistant Attorney General, James M. Cole" and other "Officials" who have refused to execute and enforce the "Laws" of "The United States of America" to come before the "U.S. Congress" and "show cause" as to why they should not be "Impeached" from "Office" for their "Perjury" of "Oath of Office" and for "aiding and abetting" in the commission of crimes against the "Laws" of "The United States of America." Once the "Employees" and "Officers" of the "U.S. Justice Department" gets the message that their refusal to execute and enforce the "Marijuana Prohibition Laws" and other "Laws" of "Congress" will no longer be tolerated, there will be an instant closer of "Marijuana Pot Shops," "Marijuana Farming," and a reduction of open use of "Marijuana" within the "States" of the "Union."

If the "States" would like to legalize the use of "Marijuana," it is their duty to come before the "Federal Courts" with a showing that the "Marijuana Prohibition Laws" of "Congress" were not made in pursuant to the "Constitution" for "The United States of America." (see U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clauses 2 & 3).

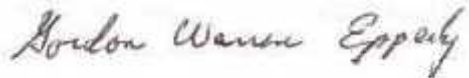
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<sup>1/</sup> **18 U.S. Code § 2 - Principals**

- “(a) Whoever commits an offense against the United States or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal.
- “(b) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the United States, is punishable as a principal.”

Don't you find it interesting that those "States" that claim "Marijuana" has been authorized for medical use have not establish any "Controls" or "Procedures" in the making of "Marijuana" into a "Medical Drug" (such as the oversight and expertise of the "U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency" [DEA]) and not one of those "States" have made any provisions for "Marijuana" to be marketed and sold as a "Drug" within a licensed "Pharmacy" under the control of a licensed "Pharmacist" through the issuance of "Prescriptions" by a licensed "Medical Physician?" The push for "Medical Marijuana" is nothing more than a "scam" to justify the operation of "Pot Shops" within the "States."

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Warren Epperly". The ink is dark and the signature is centered on the page.

Gordon Warren Epperly

P.S. - No response has been received for any of the enclosed letters.

cc: U.S. Deputy Attorney General, James M. Cole

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# Marijuana Fight Riskier for Congress in States

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By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press



It's easy for Congress to meddle with the District of Columbia's decision to legalize recreational use of marijuana, but taking on the states is a different matter.

A catch-all spending bill Congress passed last week would prevent the District from using federal and local money to implement any law or regulation that repeals or reduces marijuana-related penalties. The action is in direct response to a voter initiative passed last month that allows possession of up to 2 ounces of pot or up to three mature plants for personal use.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to review and possibly reject all legislation approved by the District's elected officials or its citizens.

Congress has less leverage with the states, and thwarting efforts supported by a plurality of voters back home could prove risky at election time.

"That's sort of asking for a head-on collision with states' rights," said Philip Wallach of the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank.

Wallach said the most ready tool at Congress' disposal in persuading states to keep marijuana illegal would be to withhold money for certain programs if state marijuana initiatives conflict with federal law. That's something Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., chairman of a House panel on the Constitution and civil justice, says he's prepared to support.

Franks said the marijuana legalization movement endangers youth. Many other Republican lawmakers don't seem ready to take such concrete steps, including Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, the likely chairmen of committees that could deal with marijuana laws in the next Congress.

Grassley wasn't prepared to say what issues the Judiciary Committee will focus on; Johnson said he'd like a hearing by the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on how marijuana legalization is working but that's as far as he would commit.

The Justice Department has said it will not stand in the way of states that want to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana as long as there are effective controls to keep it away from kids, the black market and federal property.

Proponents of marijuana legalization know exactly where they want to go next. Their itinerary includes pushes into California, Arizona, Nevada, Maine and Massachusetts. There's money to be raised for campaign ads, ballot initiatives to write and petition campaigns to organize. Four states have voted to legalize marijuana: Washington and Colorado first, followed by Oregon and Alaska.

"Republican Senate or not, we're going to keep moving forward," said Bill Piper of the Drug Policy Alliance, which advocates an overhaul of drug policy.

The group points to another section of the just-passed spending bill as evidence that most lawmakers don't want Congress to interfere with state decisions regarding marijuana. That provision would prevent the Justice Department from using money to prosecute medical marijuana patients or distributors who are in compliance with their state's laws.

Twenty-three states have legalized medical marijuana, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The GOP's most consistent backer of the legalization movement, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California, said he's simply unsure where a Republican-controlled Congress will take the marijuana issue.

"I can't read my fellow Republicans on this," he said. "Behind the scenes, they will tell you, 'Oh, yeah, (prohibition) is stupid, but I'm not going to risk my political career.'"

Republican Rep. Andy Harris of Maryland, an anesthesiologist who has led the congressional effort to halt the District of Columbia's marijuana initiative through September 2015, said prohibiting recreational marijuana use is the right thing to do, whatever the politics.

"If we can educate the public about the hazards, especially given the high unemployment rate among D.C. youth, the problems they have in the educational systems, I think we can convince people the last thing they need in the District of Columbia is legalization," he said.

The effort to legalize marijuana in the District was spurred by concerns about racial disparities in marijuana arrests, with black people making up about 90 percent of marijuana arrests, yet only about half of the city's residents.

Asked whether Republican leaders were ready to take on the legalization trend elsewhere, Harris said he would agree the issue is not a priority for them.

"The plate of leadership is so full with foreign affairs and economic matters in this country, this is just not on their radar screen," he said.

Said Wallach from Brookings: "It probably makes political sense for a lot of people to just lay low on this issue."

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