



House of Representatives
Judiciary Committee
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H.R. 3884, the “Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act of 2019”

Sponsor: Rep. Jerold Nadler (D-NY)

House Judiciary Republicans Urge Opposition

The MORE Act is flawed legislation designed to decriminalize and de-schedule marijuana, removing it entirely from the Controlled Substances Act. This extreme and unwise bill would open the floodgates to marijuana cultivation, distribution, and sale in America—allowing bad actors and transnational criminal organizations to further exploit the nation’s addiction crisis.

- **H.R. 3884 disregards established science.** The Department of Health and Human Services found that marijuana has a high potential for abuse and lacks an accepted level of safety for use under medical supervision.¹ Studies have shown that marijuana directly affects parts of the brain responsible for memory and learning² and marijuana use has been linked to an increased risk of schizophrenia and psychosis in users.³
- **H.R. 3884 funnels taxpayer money to the marijuana industry and for services for convicted drug dealers.** H.R. 3884 makes federal grants and loans available for cannabis-related businesses and service providers. It also creates an Office of Cannabis Justice in the Department of Justice to carry out a grant program to administer services to individuals convicted of offenses related to marijuana or other controlled substances.
- **H.R. 3884 erases prior marijuana convictions.** This bill retroactively decriminalizes marijuana, requiring Federal courts to expunge prior convictions and conduct re-sentencing hearings. Prior convictions for marijuana offenses could not be considered in the denial of any federal public benefit, under the immigration laws, or in granting security clearances.
- **The bill fails to include common-sense safety measures.**
 - It fails to ban edibles or flavored marijuana vapes, which appeal to kids and teens.
 - The bill fails to prohibit locating marijuana businesses within 1000 feet of schools, daycares, private kindergartens, public parks, or recreational facilities.
 - The bill fails to require a warning label on the health risks posed by marijuana.

¹ Drug Enforcement Agency, Denial of Petition to Initiate Proceedings to Reschedule Marijuana, 81 Fed. Reg. 53687 (Aug. 12, 2016).

² Meier, M.H., et al., *Persistent cannabis users show neuropsychological decline from childhood to midlife*, 109(40), PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E2657 (2012).

³ Di Forti, Marta., et al., *Daily use, especially of high-potency cannabis, drives the earlier onset of psychosis in cannabis users*, 40(6), SCHIZOPHRENIA BULLETIN, 1509 (2013); Di Forti, Marta, et. al., *High-potency cannabis and the risk of psychosis*, 195(6), THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY, 488 (2009).