



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

June 16, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Patrick Leahy
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation, I am writing to express our strong opposition to inclusion of any proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Services Appropriations Act that would allow marijuana businesses full access to banking privileges.

The facts are undeniable: The legalization of marijuana has only hindered local law enforcement's efforts to keep communities safe. Any amendment that allows banking privileges to marijuana businesses creates a dangerous precedent that could allow access for other criminal activity and Schedule 1 drugs, giving money laundering access to drug cartels that are already using the cover of legalization.

We appreciate the opportunity to add our voice to this vital national discussion, and we respectfully urge you to reject any proposed amendments that would have a detrimental impact to the health and safety of our communities.

Sincerely,

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Montgomery County Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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