

CONCERNED
WOMEN *for* AMERICA
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

November 30, 2020

The Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

I am writing on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of members and supporters of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) in strong opposition to H.R. 3884, the Marijuana Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act. This bill would be a 180-degree turn in the way federal policy has approached protecting the health and safety of Americans from the dangers of illicit drugs. The MORE Act as drafted would not just decriminalize marijuana at the federal level, it would fully legalize and commercialize this drug with potentially far-reaching, irreversible consequences to America's youth.

CWALAC is so opposed to this legislation that we will score against any vote in favor of H.R. 3884 and include this vote in our annual scorecard.

It is unconscionable that the leadership priority of this moment is to advance a federal marijuana legalization bill while the respiratory-based Covid-19 pandemic rages on and under a deceptive banner of "correcting historical injustice." The marketing of this bill as a social justice measure is completely disingenuous. There is no justice for victims of the Big Marijuana industry pedaling addictive drugs that can cause further mental illness, including anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, psychosis, and suicidal ideation. There is no justice for victims when marijuana promotion is a gateway to greater and deadlier drug use. There is no justice for the growing number of families who are losing loved ones to drivers under the influence in legal states.

Repackaging marijuana as a social justice issue in the MORE Act will not solve the problem of lucrative, greedy financial markets and reckless commercial marketing of marijuana. It will not change the harmful, increasingly potent nature of this drug as a danger to public health. Any federal de-scheduling of a psychotic drug removes the ability to enforce against its use becoming a greater threat to public safety. This includes the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements for public transit workers.

CWALAC is among a broad coalition of groups on the front lines in the battle against youth drug use and drug addiction and on the side of treatment and prevention in opposing the MORE Act. When it was considered for action earlier, we sent a letter to leadership of the House and Judiciary Committees expressing our opposition (attached). We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 3884.

Sincerely,

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