



# WHY NOVEMBER MATTERS

*Election Day 2016 and Appropriations Season*

The National Cannabis Industry Association exists to represent the interests of legitimate and responsible cannabis-related businesses in our nation's capital. Our core mission is to ensure that our members are treated like businesses in any other American industry. NCIA encourages our members to be politically active on all levels of government and contact your elected officials both at home and in Washington, D.C.

## ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, the cannabis industry as we know it could change forever. With five states voting on adult-use cannabis (Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Maine, and Nevada) and an additional four casting their ballots for medicinal cannabis (Arkansas, Florida, Montana, and North Dakota), it's more important than ever to be politically active. Although adult-use cannabis is already legal in Oregon, there are other ways to support cannabis reform at the ballot box. Make sure you're registered to vote, and cast your vote on November 8th for elected officials who support cannabis reform. You can also volunteer your time or make a donation to one of the various campaigns aimed at ending cannabis prohibition. Please contact NCIA for more information about how to get involved and how **you** can make a difference this November!

## APPROPRIATIONS

Earlier this year, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) announced his hope for "regular order" regarding the appropriations process this year, meaning that Congress would return to the piece-by-piece appropriations process rather than passing large omnibus budget bills (as has been the case in recent years). Unfortunately, the appropriations process did **not** work out that way, and Congress still needs to pass a funding bill for FY2017. **Since it's still unclear how open the amendment process will be, cannabis related amendments that have been included in years past may be at stake.** Contact your elected officials and ask them to sign on to a letter currently being circulated in the House of Representatives regarding the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment, which bans the Department of Justice from spending money to prevent the implementation of state-level medical cannabis programs, in addition to removing funding for federal medical cannabis raids, arrests and prosecutions in states where medical cannabis is legal.

## CONGRESS NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU

When your Representatives and Senators hear directly from you, they learn first-hand about who we are as an industry and why we deserve respect and fairness. Use NCIA's easy online tool at **TheCannabisIndustry.org/CallCongress** to call your elected officials and make your voice heard.

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And don't forget to take a stand on social media too! Speak up for your business and our industry with the hashtags **#IAmTheCannabisIndustry**, **#WeAreTheCannabisIndustry**, **#CannaBanking**, **#Reform280E**, **#DescheduleNow**, and **#CannabisCallsCongress**.

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