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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
United States House of Representatives  
2306 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, representing more than 100,000 active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel, I am writing to express our opposition to and amendments to the F.Y. Financial Services Appropriations Act that would allow banking privileges to the marijuana industry.

This nation is dealing with a deadly narcotics epidemic. In the news are the opioids, but the legalization of marijuana in some states has made our communities, and especially our highways, less safe. According to the Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institute of Health, "The evidence clearly indicates that long-term marijuana use can lead to addiction. Indeed, approximately 9% of those who experiment with marijuana will become addicted according to the criteria for dependence in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th edition DSM-IV. The number goes up to about 1 in 6 among those who start using marijuana as teenagers and to 25% to 50% among those who smoke marijuana daily. According to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 2.7 million people 12 years of age and older met the DSM-IV criteria for dependence on marijuana".

Congress certainly has the ability to remove marijuana from its list of Schedule 1 drugs, but has never indicated a willingness to do so. This "back door" attempt to normalize and legitimize its distribution and use is, we believe, contrary to the public's safety.

I urge you to reject any amendment that jeopardizes the health and safety of our communities.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral  
International President