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**TO: Chair Jerrold Nadler
House Judiciary Committee
Members of the Committee**

RE: Support for H.R. 3617, the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2021 or the MORE Act of 2021

On behalf of twenty-three outdoor sungrown cannabis farmers on California's Central Coast, please accept our public comments underscoring our strong support for the MORE Act.

We take pride in our environmental stewardship of the land, deployment of the state of art water-drip technology for our farms and community builder initiatives to address 'food insecurity' and poverty among our most vulnerable in the region.

Moreover our farmers are Californians exemplifying 'best in class' expertise in crop and product innovation, research and development. Many of our members are reinvesting up to 10% of their revenues into R&D for product development, engineering processing, and compliance improvement.

In addition, California has approved a first-in-the-nation Cannabis Appellations Program, which will benefit farmers and consumers and is yet another indication of our interest in establishing a reputation for quality and value.

Specifically, we support the following pillars of the MORE Act:

- Removing marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act
- Expungement of low-level federal marijuana convictions
- Allow VA Medical professionals provide medical cannabis to Veterans

- Remove the threat of importation of undocumented workers in legally state-regulated cannabis regimes.
- Develop an “Opportunity Fund” and initiatives under the U.S. Small Business Administration that directly invests in social equity enterprises.
- Affirm the interstate commerce clause to transport cannabis products.
- Establish reasonable regulatory taxes and fees.
- Develop consumer protection federal standards.
- Encourage a pathway for ‘Right to Farm’ status for farmers of the raw cannabis plant.
- Federal regulatory oversight and taxation.

We are hopeful that your efforts and those of the committee will bear fruit to deschedule cannabis and spur cannabis producers and social equity entrepreneurs in our state to pioneer strategic collaborations across legal state markets to help ignite economic growth and reinvestments into both urban and rural impoverished communities.

Once again we strongly support your efforts and appreciate the opportunity to express our point of view as cannabis farmers who care deeply about the future of agriculture’s diversity and responsibility to produce organic, pesticide free cannabis products.

We look forward to our continued partnership and collaboration on vital policy issues impacting the industry, and upon request can provide expertise on our farming and manufacturing operations.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me for additional information at 916-849-4300.

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