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Mark Passerini  
47<sup>th</sup> Annual Hash Bash  
112 S. Main St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Greetings!

I want to thank the organizers of this incredible event, the 2018 Hash Bash. You should be proud of the work done towards this movement and congratulations on celebrating the 47<sup>th</sup> year of this gathering!

It's because of the outstanding effort by everyone contributing towards the success of this event, in addition to so many others across the country that we have made tremendous progress towards sensible drug policies in the United States. While there is still more to be done in regards to drug regulation, today you should celebrate the achievements moving towards common-sense policies you have achieved.

This is one of a few 21<sup>st</sup> century social movements making significant progress at the federal level today, and you dedicated advocates are the true driving force behind this. Policy makers are starting to see the cannabis industry for what it truly is: a vibrant, growing industry with hard workers creating positive social and economic effects. In Colorado for example, violent crime has decreased and licensed dispensaries have proven to be diligent about keeping marijuana out of the hands of children; simply put, regulating marijuana is working.

I have been and will continue to be a staunch advocate for sensible marijuana policies. Along with three other members of Congress, I launched the bipartisan Cannabis Caucus in 2017. I have also introduced the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act, a bill that would do exactly as its name describes – end the federal prohibition on marijuana and allow it to be regulated in the same way as alcohol.

Thanks to your efforts, the United States has made immense progress in reforming our drug laws. I am confident however, that with our continued hard work, we will see the commonsense approaches you're here to advocate for today become federal law in the United States.

Good luck on your continued advocacy and enjoy your time at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Hash Bash!

Sincerely,

Jared Polis  
Member of Congress