



STATE OF WASHINGTON

May 8, 2017

The Honorable Jeffrey Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

We write again to respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss the status of Washington state's recreational marijuana laws.

On February 15, 2017, we sent you a letter describing Washington's extensive efforts to comply with the federal enforcement priorities set forth in the 2013 Cole Memorandum. We requested an opportunity to discuss our regulatory system before you consider making changes to DOJ's previous legal guidance.

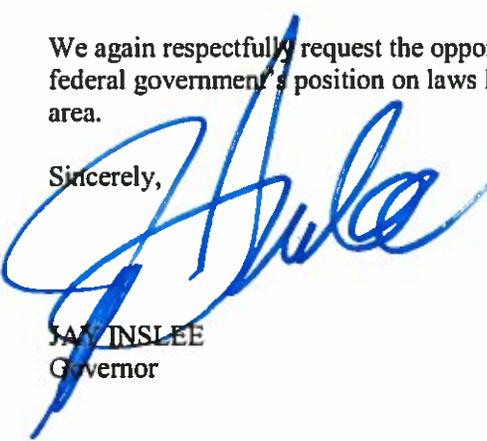
More recently, on April 3, 2017, the Governors of Washington state, Alaska, Colorado and Oregon sent you a letter also requesting a dialogue on the future status of the Cole Memorandum and the related guidance from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

We have not yet received a reply to either letter.

In the meantime, various media reports suggest that you have questions about the impact of state laws authorizing recreational marijuana, and that you may be forming an advisory committee to evaluate the present state of the law. Washington has been at the forefront in this area and should be included in discussions that could impact our state's regulatory system.

We again respectfully request the opportunity to meet directly with you and your advisors to discuss the federal government's position on laws legalizing marijuana, and to share Washington state's work in this area.

Sincerely,


JAY INSLEE
Governor


BOB FERGUSON
Attorney General