

# A Look at Federal and State Policy Developments

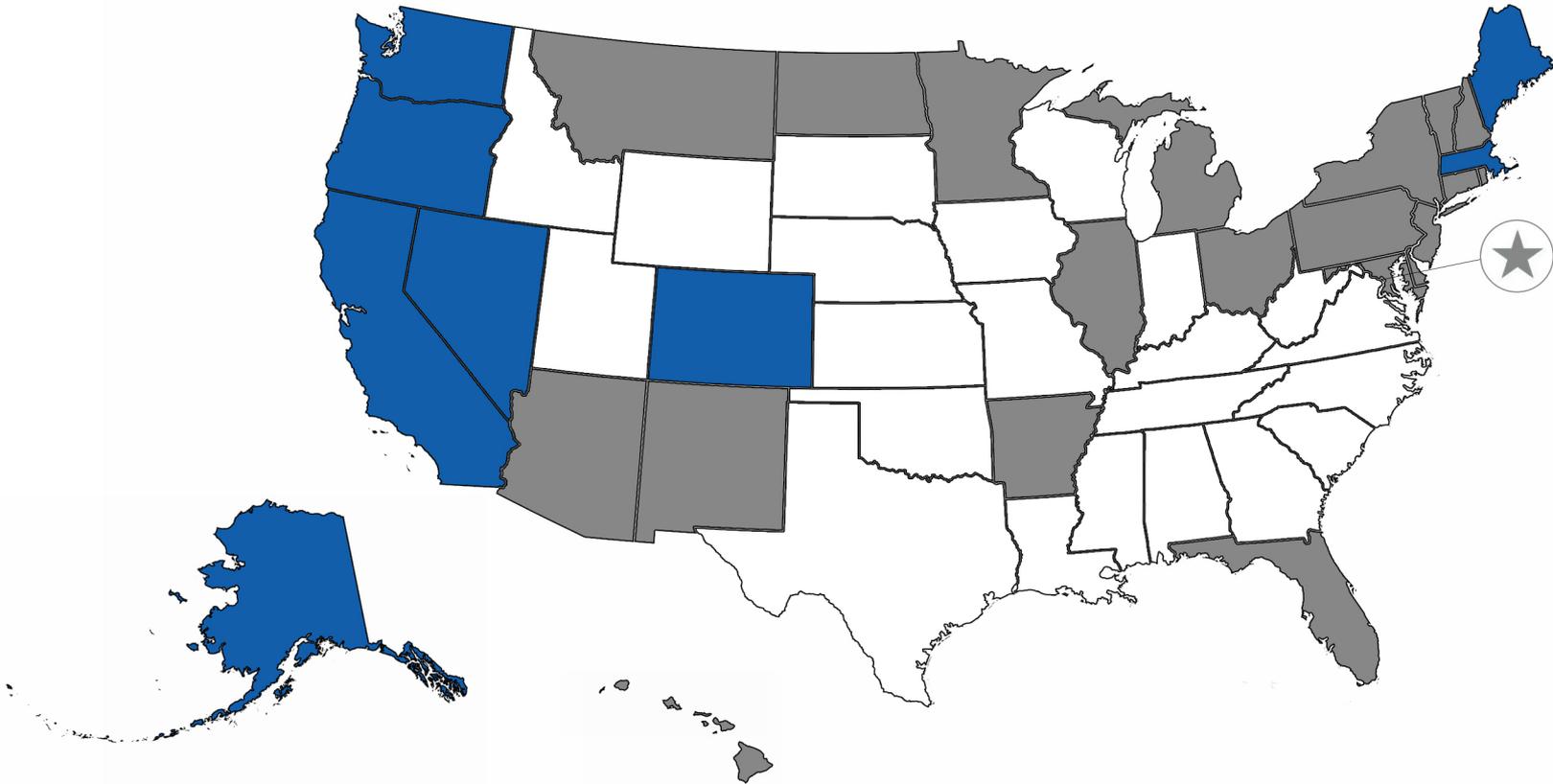
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**28 states (and D.C.) have medical-marijuana laws,  
and 8 of these states also have adult-use laws.**



**States with medical-marijuana laws.**



**States with adult-use AND medical-marijuana laws.**

# A bad Attorney General doesn't change our national strategy for 2017.

\* In 2017, we intend to pass 4 federal spending amendments through Congress — which means the amendments would EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> OF NEXT YEAR — to protect from federal interference (1) all state MMJ laws; (2) all state MJ legalization laws; (3) all banking services for MJ businesses that are operating legally under state law; and (4) all veterans who need to use MMJ.

\* In 2021, we plan to enact the ultimate federal law through Congress to PERMANENTLY END MARIJUANA PROHIBITION by regulating marijuana like alcohol in the U.S. (This means a states' rights law that also contains a federal MJ tax.)



# McClintock/Polis TRUMPS Trump/Sessions.

- Are you worried about Jeff Sessions as Attorney General?

YOU SHOULD BE. The AG has absolute legal authority to maintain, tweak, or tear up the U.S. Justice Department's "Cole memo" that the Obama administration issued in 2013. (This 2013 memo ended federal raids/prosecutions of individuals/businesses with state licenses that follow state laws involving MJ.)

- Can we do anything about the Sessions/DOJ threat?

YES. The McClintock-Polis amendment to Congress's annual spending bill for DOJ would tie the hands of Sessions/DOJ one year at a time ... starting on Oct. 1.



# 90% of MPP's federal lobbying focuses on appropriations bills, and 90% of our appropriations work is focused on passing the dream "McClintock-Polis amendment."

- To protect ourselves from Jeff Sessions and DOJ, we must simply pass the McClintock-Polis amendment, which would prevent DOJ from interfering with state MJ laws one year at a time.
- The McClintock-Polis amendment is simply the adult-use version of the Rohrabacher-Farr MMJ amendment: "None of the[se] funds ... for DOJ may be used, with respect to any of the States ... [or] the District of Columbia or Guam, to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of marijuana."
- All committee and floor action on the House's FY 2018 spending bill for DOJ will occur in the spring and summer of 2017.



*Congressmen Tom McClintock (R-CA)  
and Jared Polis (D-CO)*

# We almost have the votes to pass the McClintock-Polis amendment on House floor!

- In 2015, the House rejected with a 206-222 vote (with 4 not voting) on the McClintock-Polis amendment, which would prevent DOJ from interfering with all state MJ laws — not just MMJ laws!
- In Jan. 2017, 143 Democratic and 35 Republican "YES" votes from 2015 returned to the House. If (1) these 178 supporters all vote "YES" again; and (2) at least 8 black-caucus Democrats who voted "NO" in 2015 switch to "YES" in 2017; and (3) 10 supportive freshmen vote "YES" as we're expecting, **the vote count for the McClintock-Polis amendment stands at an indecisive 196-195,** with 44 votes somewhat unknown.
- We don't have a good vote count (yet) in the Senate, which is slightly more Democratic than the House.

# As MPP's congressional lobbyists work to attach 4 amendments to 3 annual spending bills, you can support "4 good amendments for the price of 1."

- We passed the annual Rohrabacher-Farr states' rights MMJ amendment in Dec. 2014, Dec. 2015, and Dec. 2016 ... **which is scheduled to expire on 4/27/2017**. We must keep this amendment in DOJ's spending bill for the remainder of FY 2017 (which ends on 9/30/2017).
- **Two additional amendments surely have the votes to pass the House and Senate**. The 1<sup>st</sup> would fix the banking problem, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> would protect veterans who need MMJ. The summer of 2017 is when we could win these twin victories for FY 2018 (which will begin on 10/1/2017).
- Approximately 90% of MPP's federal lobbying budget for 2017 will be focused on passing the McClintock-Polis amendment.



*Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) is one of our Republican champions and is aligned with Trump on immigration issues.*



# MPP and our coalition partners have the basic framework to change federal law.

**All roads lead to CONGRESS (with a focus on House).**

## MPP'S DIRECT LOBBYING

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- MPP has an in-house Republican lobbyist.
- Retain outside lobbying firm.
- MPP's PAC donates to congressional candidates.
- Host briefings & receptions for congressional staff.

## MPP's GRASSTOPS PRESSURE

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- VIPs will visit Capitol Hill.
- Activate local precinct captains & policymakers.
- Recruit/activate physicians, nurses, law enforcement, clergy, and economists.

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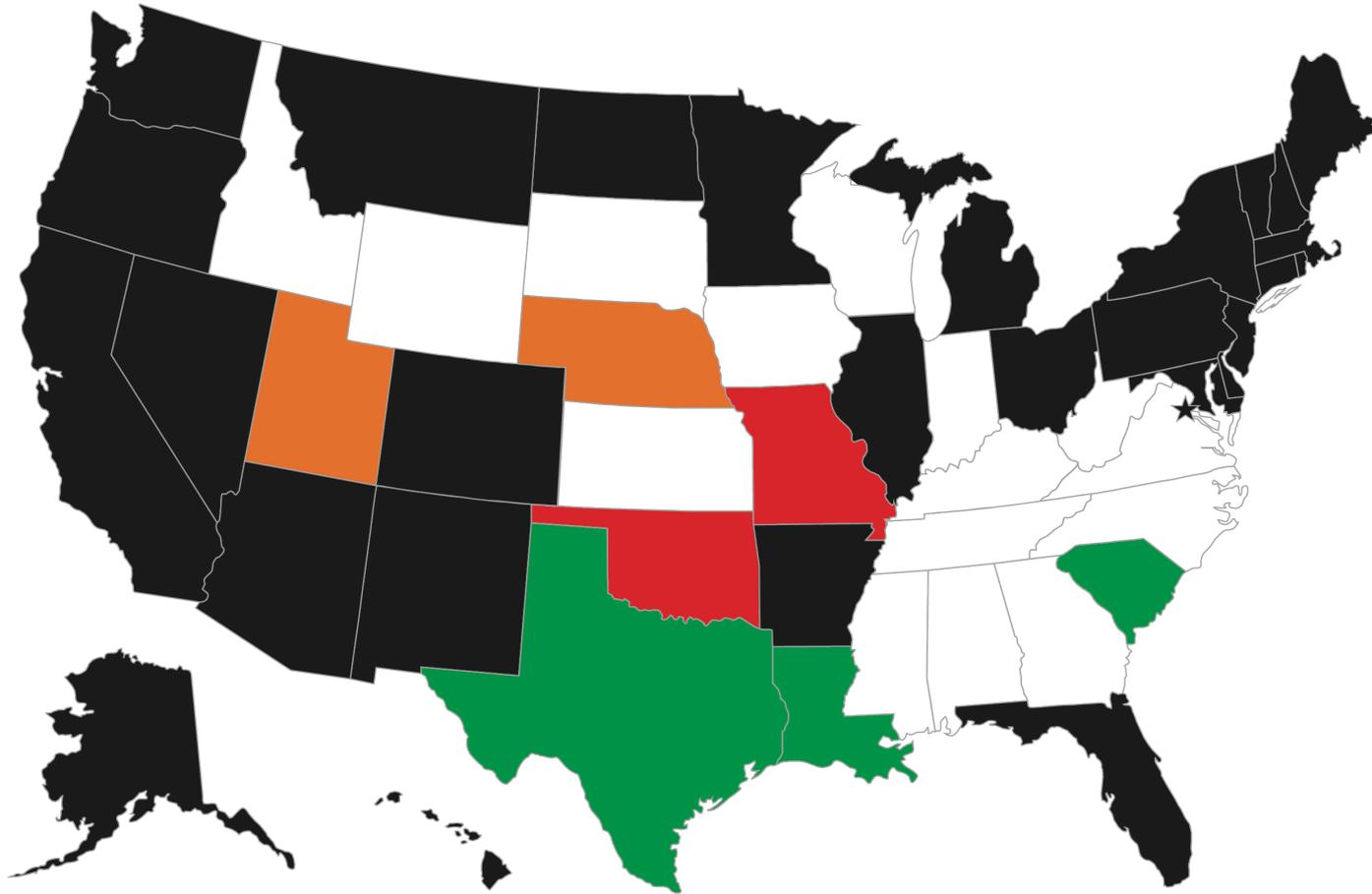
- Hire a Grassroots Coordinator.
- Build email, Facebook, and Twitter lists.
- Expand internal lists with voter rolls and phone matches.
- Voters will email, call, Tweet, & mail postcards to Congress.

- MPP has in-house staff attorney who will now coordinate growing coalition.
- We should issue grants to key coalition partners.
- MPP will be hosting monthly coalition meetings in D.C.

# If we're operating at full capacity, we can achieve these 5 federal goals in 2017 ...

1. Influence the U.S. Justice Department to maintain the status quo with its pair of "Cole memos."
2. Maintain the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment as law (**which expires on 4/27/2017**) for FY 2017 and FY 2018 (which ends on 9/30/2018).
3. Enact pair of amendments to fix banking problem and improve veterans' access to MMJ starting in FY 2018 (10/1/2017 to 9/30/2018).
4. **Enact the McClintock-Polis amendment starting in FY 2018 (10/1/2017 to 9/30/2018).**
5. Add 20% more House and Senate cosponsors to the bills (not amendments) that would end federal prohibition \*and\* also permanently fix the 280e tax problem.

# Medical Marijuana Could be Legal in 35 States and D.C. by 2018



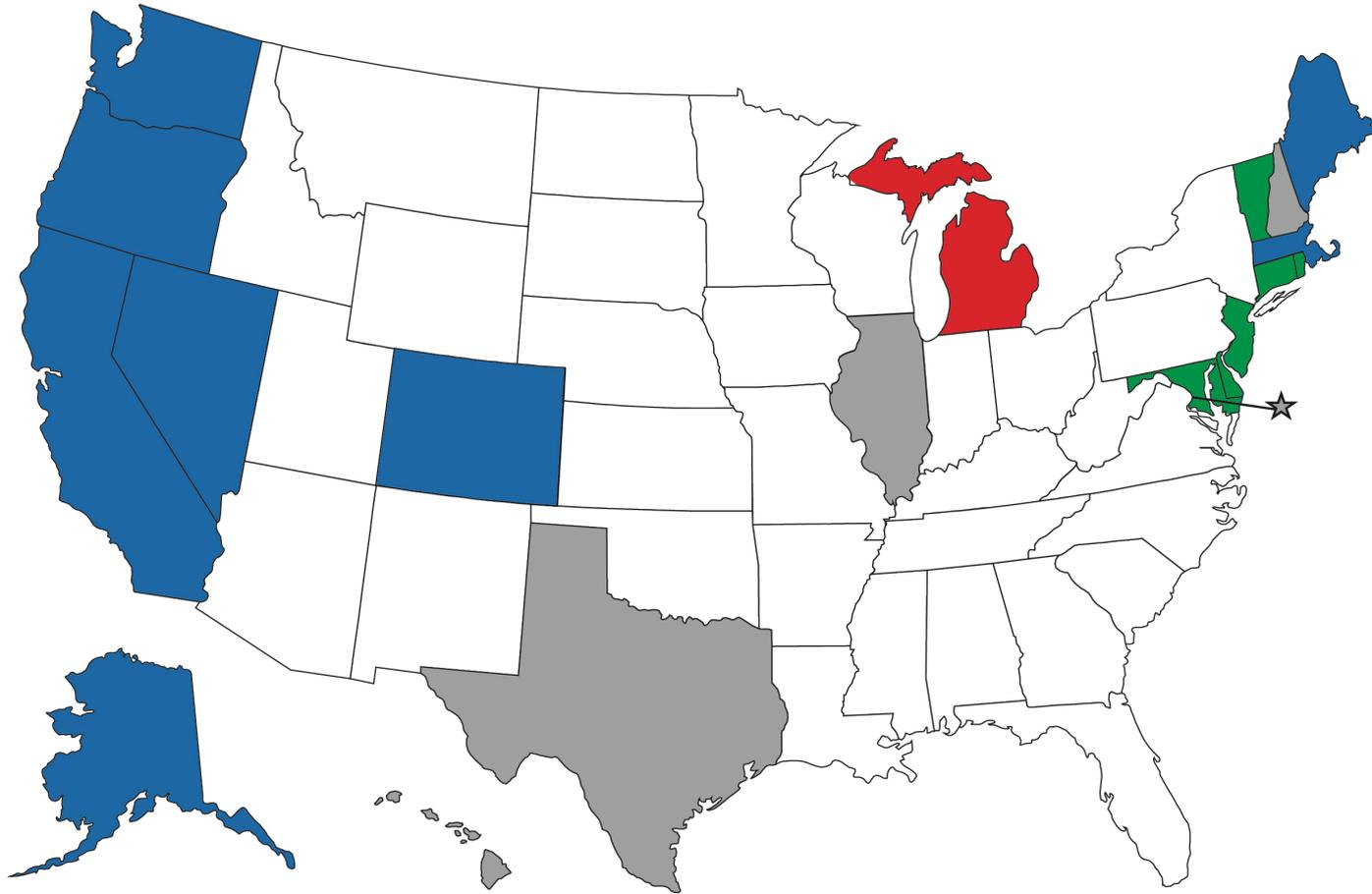
Medical marijuana is legal in 28 states and D.C.

MPP intends to pass MMJ bills through the LA, SC, and TX Legislatures in 2017 and/or 2018.

MPP is assisting allies in OK and MO to pass their pair of MMJ ballot initiatives in Nov. 2018.

MPP is assisting allies to pass medical-marijuana bills in NE and UT in 2017. If these lobbying efforts fail, we intend to pass a pair of MMJ ballot initiatives in these states in Nov. 2018.

# Marijuana could be legalized (taxed and regulated like alcohol) in 15 states by 2018.



Marijuana is legal in 8 states! (MPP was responsible for CO, AK, NV, MA, and ME.)

We hope to pass a legalization ballot initiative in MI in November 2018.

We intend to pass legalization bills through the 6 state legislatures in CT, DE, MD, NJ, RI, and VT in 2017 and 2018.

MPP is lobbying to legalize marijuana in DC, IL, NH, and TX (and assisting allies in HI), but these probably won't pass until 2019/2020/2021, so they don't count toward the 15-state total.

27 companies donated \$100,000+ in 2016.  
To “redouble” our efforts, 54 companies would  
each need to donate \$100,000+ in 2017 ...



# What is the “Pledge 4 Growth” campaign?

1. MJ businesses, MJ entrepreneurs, and MJ investors are each **committing \$100+ per month** (or \$1,000+ per year) to support MPP’s tireless work to end MJ prohibition.

\* Participating companies can start using the P4G seal below to show **your commitment to stopping our government from arresting 600,000+ MJ users annually.**

\* We’ll promote your company’s name/logo (a) at all MPP events nationally; (b) on a continually updated P4G promotional handout that MPP distributes at dozens of MPP and non-MPP events nationwide; and (c) on **MPP’s popular web site (with your logo linking to your web site).**

\* We’ll ship you a **unique annual gift that’s reserved for folks who donate \$1,000+ in a calendar year.** (MPP’s unique gift for 2017 is a glass jar that memorializes the huge MJ victories in 2016.)

2. Goal is to “bundle” \$1,000+ donations from 1,000+ companies — which would raise **\$1,000,000+ every year to change MJ laws every year** — until we win nationwide!



# **We should each commit \$100+ per month today ... to pass 4 federal laws in 2017.**

**1<sup>st</sup> CHOICE = \$100,000 to join MPP's new Federal Leadership Campaign**

- \$100,000 for 2017 ... \$25,000/quarter ... \$10,000/month
- Please tell an MPP staffer that you'd like to talk to MPP's Rob Kampia later.

**2<sup>nd</sup> CHOICE = \$5,000 is real money for MPP or our federal MPP Political Action Committee**

- \$5,000 for 2017 ... \$500/month
- \$5,000 is the legal maximum for donations to the "MPP PAC" in 2017.

**3<sup>rd</sup> CHOICE = \$1,000 is the minimum, meaningful commitment to change federal law**

- \$1,000 for 2017 ... \$100/month
- \$1,000 qualifies you for MPP's "Club of 1,000" and MJ industry's "Pledge 4 Growth".