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Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM) Commends DEA's Call to Reschedule Cannabis, Urges Further Congressional and Administrative Action

Washington, D.C. – April 30, 2024 – Today is a historic day, in a historic time for moving Cannabis towards the light of legalization and decriminalization and the development of the legal Cannabis Commercial Industry. The news, first reported by the Associated Press, that the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), via the Department of Justice (DOJ) will recommend that Cannabis should be rescheduled to Schedule III. This is a significant step in the process and we at M4MM thank President Biden, Vice President Harris and the many members of the Attorney General's office, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the DEA for their diligent work up to this point. We also thank the voters who chose to elect an Administration that is willing to take actions that no other Presidential Administration has ever taken. No one person, not even a President, can move Cannabis towards legalization without the support of millions of Americans, Cabinet members, Administration staff and finally, Congress.

We at M4MM encourage our members, partner stakeholders and other interested parties to continue your engagement and support for these steps, as we have more steps in the process to go. If today's reporting is true, the DEA will submit their recommendations to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, then OMB sends it back to the DEA will open up a Federal rulemaking public comment period, make adjustments to the proposed rule and public a final rule. Roz McCarthy, Founder and CEO of M4MM says, "We will need your voices, activism and public engagement to help move this to a proper final regulation rule. M4MM can't be effective without your support and active participation".

M4MM publicly recommends the Biden-Harris Administration's OMB and DEA adjust the final recommendation to schedule V, which offers the most flexibility allowable under 21 U.S.C. 811 (Authority and criteria for classification of substances) for the interface between Federal and State regulatory structures and other needed reforms and conforms with our assessment that Cannabis can only be rescheduled through the Administrative process under 21 U.S.C. 811. Separately, we call upon Congress, specifically Republicans in Congress, to pass legislation that will allow for statutory descheduling and codifies the regulatory structure to support the outcomes of legislative descheduling.

Communities of color, which have historically borne the brunt of Cannabis criminalization and the related over-policing outcomes tie-barred with Cannabis criminalization, require advocates in Congress who will support legislation to remove the exacerbating barriers for Cannabis patients, Cannabis licensed businesses and work tirelessly to reverse its harmful impacts of Cannabis criminalization. For the health of our communities, those with health challenges and our collective freedoms; it is a universal concern that demands immediate and collective action.

M4MM's mission is focused on providing advocacy outreach, research and training as it relates to social equity, social justice, public policy and health & wellness in the cannabis industry. Minorities for Medical Marijuana is the country's largest community based organization in the cannabis industry serving communities and individuals of color. M4MM applies a detailed policy approach through detailed structural pillars to ensure equitable opportunity and impact of opportunity for persons from communities disproportionately impacted by the enforcement of previous Cannabis prohibition laws.

About Minorities for Medical Marijuana

Minorities for Medical Marijuana, Inc. (M4MM) is organized as a non-profit organization with its corporate office based in Orlando, Florida at 927 South Goldwyn Avenue and Western Region Office located in Las Vegas at 701 E. Bridger Avenue Suite 400 Las Vegas Nevada 89101. The organization was established in May 2016 and currently has 27 state chapters throughout the USA, 4 international chapters and 2 HBCU chapters locations.

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