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To direct the Attorney General, in enforcing the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act relating to marijuana, to focus on certain enforcement priorities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GAETZ, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sensible Enforcement
5 of Cannabis Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In enforcing the provisions of the
8 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) relating
9 to the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, possession,

1 or use of marijuana, the Attorney General of the United
2 States shall not prosecute for any conduct that—

3 (1) concerns marijuana for medicinal or rec-
4 reational use; and

5 (2) is authorized by the laws of the State in-
6 volved.

7 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply with
8 respect to prosecution for prevention of the following:

9 (1) Distribution of marijuana to minors.

10 (2) Revenue from the sale of marijuana from
11 going to criminal enterprises, gangs, and cartels.

12 (3) Diversion of marijuana from States where it
13 is legal under State law in some form to other
14 States.

15 (4) State-authorized marijuana activity from
16 being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking
17 of other illegal drugs or other illegal activity.

18 (5) Violence and the use of firearms in the cul-
19 tivation and distribution of marijuana.

20 (6) Drugged driving and the exacerbation of
21 other adverse public health consequences associated
22 with marijuana use.

23 (7) The growing of marijuana on public lands
24 and the attendant public safety and environmental

1 dangers posed by marijuana production on public
2 lands.

3 (8) Marijuana possession or use on Federal
4 property.

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