

Smoke From Sessions' Order Should Not Cloud Task Ahead

Two cannabis experts say California must proceed with assuring the safety of the product

ROSEVILLE, CA, USA, January 10, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The legal and public policy jolt California and other states received last week from U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions should not halt or deter the state from proceeding with its primary task of making sure cannabis legally cultivated, marketed, and consumed – under current state law – meets the highest public health standards, said two experts on the issue, today.

“The firestorm sparked by the attorney general’s memo reversing the Obama administration’s hands-off policy must not slow for one second California’s efforts to ensure the safety of the product,” said John Taylor, founder and president of SMART Cannabis/Next Generation Farming, Inc. “As we have seen from the response to the attorney general’s order, much remains to be decided, and until it is, California must continue its well-thought-out, well-implemented (so far) structure for the growth and use of recreational marijuana.”

In an article for PublicCEO published last month, Taylor wrote, “... we must all take good care not to let the health and safety of our communities suffer in our haste to grow, trim and sell the next promising bag of weed. Done wrong, human lives could suffer dire consequences. Growers would be wise to begin with such efforts as creating a regular and open dialogue with elected officials and members of the surrounding community – listening and working to mitigate issues; keeping facilities secure and monitored to prevent theft, tampering and contamination of the product.”

[Don Smith](#), executive vice president of Smart Cannabis, took note of many of the responses to Sessions’ memorandum. “This issue is far from over, based on some of the bipartisan reactions I read,” said Smith. “Of particular interest to me was the reaction of U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, an influential Republican, who in two tweets said the legality of marijuana should be left up to the states and that ‘This reported action directly contradicts what Attorney General Sessions told me prior to his confirmation. With no prior notice to Congress, the Justice Department has trampled on the will of the voters in CO and other states.’”



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[DOJ memo](#)

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-issues-memo-marijuana-enforcement>

[PublicCEO story](#)

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