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Dear Dennis,

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about our marijuana laws.

As you know, the federal government currently bans marijuana for any purpose. But voters in Washington state and Colorado recently voted to legalize marijuana, and California and other states have legalized marijuana for medical reasons. While our Attorney General has ordered federal law enforcement to prosecute marijuana dispensaries only if they break both state and federal law, some are concerned the policy is not being followed.

On this issue, I believe it's best to let states decide the best policy that works for them. As a medical doctor, I understand that medical marijuana can help patients better deal with the debilitating side effects of chemotherapy and life-threatening diseases.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns on this important issue with me. If I am given the opportunity to vote on any bill regarding this issue, I will certainly take your views into careful consideration.

I remain optimistic that we can make Congress work for the American people and find common ground to move our country forward. Democracy works best when we stay in touch, so please visit [bera.house.gov/signup](http://bera.house.gov/signup) for updates on how I'm working for you.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ami Bera'.

Ami Bera, M.D.  
Member of Congress