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Executive Order On Addressing The Harms Of Federal Marijuana Criminalization And Advancing Equity And Public Health In Federal Cannabis-Related Policies And Programs.

Section 1. Policy

Establishes that the Federal Government should pursue marijuana policies that advance equity and public health for all people.

Section 2. Establishing a National Advisory Council to Advance Equity and Public Health in Federal Cannabis-Related Policies and Programs

Establishes an Advisory Council designed to provide comprehensive guidance and accountability on equitable marijuana policy reform at the federal level, with a focus on addressing past harms and ensuring future policies promote equity and public health, accompanied by public engagement and will produce annual reports with its findings and recommendations.

Section 3. Roles of the White House Steering Committee on Equity, Domestic Policy Council, Office of Management and Budget, and Agency Equity Teams

Outlines the roles and responsibilities of various government entities in leading efforts to advance equity in federal marijuana policies and programs.

Section 4. Conducting a Cannabis Equity Assessment in Federal Agencies

Requires each federal agency head must review the agency's programs and policies to identify systemic barriers faced by underserved communities due to federal marijuana policies, including criminalization under the Controlled Substances Act.

Section 5. Promoting Equitable Delivery of Government Benefits and Equitable Opportunities

Requires that within 1 year, the head of each federal agency shall consult with the Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and the Director of OMB to produce plans addressing barriers to equal participation in federal programs, necessary policies to advance equity, and deficiencies in federal data collection.

Section 6. Delivering Equitable Outcomes Through Government Policies, Programs, and Activities

Requires that the heads of federal agencies shall implement strategies to advance equity in federal cannabis policy across all agency functions through Cannabis Equity Action Plans, budget considerations, and implementation guidelines

Section 7. Specific Agency Directives To Advance Equity and Health Equity

Specifies actions various federal agencies shall make to mitigate and address the harms of federal marijuana policies.

Section 8. Engagement with Members of Underserved Communities

Outlines the requirements for agencies to engage with stakeholders, particularly underserved communities, in implementing the order.

Section 9. Equitable Data

Requires improving data collection and analysis to better assess equity in Federal marijuana policy by improving the quality, breadth, and accessibility of data related to equity in federal marijuana policy.

Section 10. International Issues

Requires the Department of State, in coordination with federal agencies, to evaluate and address the domestic and international harms of cannabis scheduling under the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, including exploring treaty modifications.

Section 11. General Provisions

Sets for the requirements of agency plans under the order and clarifies the legal implications of the order.

Section 12. Definitions

Defines the terms "equitable data," "equity," "health equity," and "underserved communities" in the context of order.