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February 20th, 2018

The Honorable Cheryl Glenn  
6 Bladen St. Room 413  
Annapolis Maryland 21401

Dear Delegate Glenn:

We are writing today on behalf of the advocacy steering committee for the 3rd Annual National Cannabis Festival to invite you to deliver remarks at our event taking place on Saturday, April 21st, 2018, at The Festival Grounds at RFK Stadium.

The National Cannabis Festival is the "Rock the Vote" event for the cannabis community, celebrating progress on legalization of marijuana in DC and across the nation through live music, art, advocacy and exhibitions. The festival is designed to recognize the spirit of the cannabis movement and the non-profit advocacy groups that have fought for so long to end cannabis prohibition.

Past participants at National Cannabis Festival include: Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congressman Jared Polis, State Senator Adam Ebbin, DC Councilmember David Grosso, and 2016 Green Party Presidential Candidate Jill Stein. In 2016, our Change Maker Award was presented to Delaware State Senator Margaret Rose Henry, and in 2017 the award was presented to Congressman Tom Garrett.

Last year you said, "The medical cannabis industry is moving forward, and it is moving forward with the exclusion of African-Americans." We share your concern and that is why we hope you will join us. As a champion for equity in cannabis business licensing in Maryland we can think of no one better than you to address our expected 10,000 attendees.

We know your schedule is extremely demanding, but we hope you can join our attendees and activists on April 21st. For questions regarding the festival or scheduling, please contact Laila Makled at [laila@nationalcannabisfestival.com](mailto:laila@nationalcannabisfestival.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

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## 2018 National Cannabis Festival

April 21, 2018  
RFK Stadium  
Washington, D.C.

### Advocacy Steering Committee

ACLU of DC  
ACLU of Maryland  
Americans for Safe Access  
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition  
Cannabis Cultural Association  
Dance Safe  
DC NORML  
DCMJ.org  
DC Vote  
Delaware NORML  
Doctors for Cannabis Regulation  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Drug Story  
Head Count  
Hemp Industries Association  
HIPS  
Law Enforcement Action Partnership  
Marijuana Policy Project  
Maryland Green Party  
Maryland NORML  
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National Cannabis Industry Association · NORML  
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