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**New Federalism Fund Releases Statement on Passage of the
“Leahy” Amendment in Senate Appropriations Committee**

*Amendment, adopted in the Committee by voice vote, would prevent the
Department of Justice from interfering with state-based, medical marijuana laws*

Denver, CO (07/27/17) – The following statement was issued by Neal Levine, Chairman of the New Federalism Fund, in the wake of today’s Senate Appropriations Committee approval of the “Leahy” amendment to the FY 2018 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill. The Leahy amendment, which has been commonly referred to as the “Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment” over the past few years, was introduced in today’s hearing by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). The Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment initially became law in December 2014 and has been included in each subsequent appropriations bill signed into law since that time. The Leahy Amendment is a companion to what is anticipated to be the Rohrabacher-Blumenauer amendment this year in the House with Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) joining Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) as lead sponsors.

“Today’s vote in the Senate was a strong, bipartisan demonstration of support for state-regulated medical marijuana providers and for the principle of federalism. The supportive voice vote in committee is reflective of the 94 percent of Americans who believe that patients should have safe and legal access to medical marijuana. It is now imperative that House leaders give its members the opportunity to vote on this amendment on the House floor. It received majority support on the House floor in the past and will pass by an even wider margin this year.”

About New Federalism Fund

The New Federalism Fund is a non-partisan 501(c)4. Its board members and contributors are those interested in state-first regulation of state-based commerce and creating a common sense regulatory system for those who are in or serve the state-based cannabis industry.

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