

Interstate Commerce: Policy Outcomes

Reduced Electricity and Natural Gas Consumption

- Sungrown cannabis from CA, OR, and even WA has been the vast majority of cannabis sold in the US for 50 years
- Cannabis ketchup? Manufactured products are based on cannabinoids not buds (edibles, oils, vapes, tinctures)
- Supplying all domestic cannabis production via indoor or greenhouse cultivation would require gigawatts of new generation operating 8760 (year round)

Reduced Pesticide Use

- Indoor cannabis production is not able to effectively use companion planting or beneficial insects as a substitute for pesticides
- Regenerative farming methods are often used on existing sungrown cannabis farms

Harness Efficiencies of Capitalism

- Product supply options increase productive competition
- Shortages and over supply situations are mitigated

Interstate Commerce: Barriers

Requires a Federal Trigger

- Either Congress, or the Executive Branch must act to allow interstate trade pacts between consenting states
- HR 3546 "State Cannabis Commerce Act" authored by Rep. Blumenauer
- Air or rail transport is "federal territory"

Requires Importing States as Well as Exporting States

- Oregon has passed legislation to export predominantly
- Colorado and California have legislation to export predominantly
- New York is leading a multi-state legislative effort to align cannabis policies in the North East including interstate commerce to import predominantly