

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) issued the following statement after the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 1540, a resolution he sponsored to affirm the sense of Congress that marijuana cultivation on federal lands is an unacceptable threat to the safety of law enforcement and the public and that the federal government must take an increased role in putting an end to this growing problem. The resolution passed by a vote of 400 - 4. Herger has previously arranged meetings between the Department of Homeland Security, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management to urge federal law enforcement and drug control agencies to develop a comprehensive federal solution to Mexican drug cartels setting up shop on North State public lands. In a floor speech, Herger urged Congress to adopt the resolution and urge federal agencies to make marijuana eradication on federal lands a priority. You can view video of his speech [here](#) .

“In recent years a growing crisis has presented itself on our federal lands. The presence of Mexican marijuana cartel operations in national forests in Northern California poses a serious threat to our public safety and use of our public lands. I recently joined law enforcement in a [marijuana eradication raid](#) in the forests of Shasta County and saw firsthand the flourishing productivity of these foreign drug traffickers. North State law enforcement officials have worked diligently to eliminate this threat, but they do not have enough resources to ensure long-term success. Unfortunately, the federal government has not taken sufficient action to assist them in dismantling the cartels and a comprehensive strategy to solve this problem is long overdue. This resolution is an important step and puts federal agencies on notice that this issue is a priority for Congress and they need to act. As we move forward into the 112th Congress, I will continue to push the federal government to live up to its responsibilities and use every tool at our disposal to put an end to this problem.”

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