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Via Certified Mail and First Class Mail

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Re: *Medical Marijuana Dispensary located at* [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing regarding the marijuana dispensary and/or optional premises grow center operating under the business name [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED], which business you operate or have under your control and management. This dispensary is located within 1,000 feet of a school, specifically, [REDACTED]

Federal law prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and possession of marijuana, except as provided under the strict control provisions of the Controlled Substances Act. The dispensary is operating in violation of federal law, and the Department of Justice has the authority to enforce the federal law where appropriate even when such activities may be permitted under state law. Persons and entities who operate or facilitate the operation of such dispensaries are subject to criminal prosecution and civil enforcement actions under federal law. Moreover, because the

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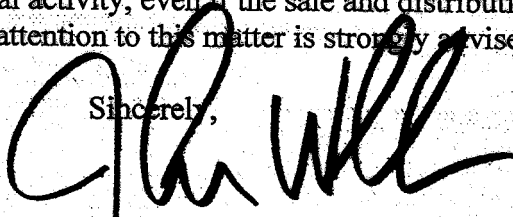
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dispensary is operating within 1,000 feet of a school, enhanced federal penalties apply. See 21 U.S.C. § 860(a).

In addition to potential criminal prosecution and civil enforcement actions, you are further advised that real and personal property, including but not limited to proceeds, involved in the sale and distribution of marijuana is subject to seizure by and forfeiture to the United States, even if in compliance with state law. See 21 U.S.C. § 881. This letter constitutes formal notification that action will be taken to seize and forfeit such property if you do not discontinue the sale and/or distribution of marijuana and marijuana infused products within 45 days from the date of this letter, specifically, by Monday, September 17, 2012. The cessation of such activities must be clear and unambiguous. If law enforcement officers conclude they must enter your premises on or after that date to determine if you have in fact ceased operations, further enforcement action may be taken, including, but not limited to, the seizure of your personal property and the proceeds of any illegal activity, even if the sale and distribution of marijuana at the location has ended. Your prompt attention to this matter is strongly advised.

Sincerely,



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