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RE: Your letter dated December 12, 2008

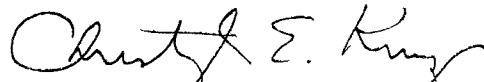
Dear Mr. Olsen:

Thank you for your letter to the Attorney General dated December 12, 2008. In your letter, you asked whether the State of California has informed the federal Drug Enforcement Agency about the medical use of marijuana in California. You also asked whether the state would join in a federal lawsuit that you have filed.

In response to your first question, the Attorney General has issued guidelines related to medical marijuana. These guidelines, which are enclosed and are also found on the Attorney General's website, <http://ag.ca.gov/>, are intended to clarify the law in this area. Although these guidelines are probably already known to federal law enforcement agencies, you are certainly free to send them to the DEA if you wish.

The Attorney General must decline your invitation to join your lawsuit. With a great deal of litigation here in California related to medical marijuana, joining a lawsuit in Iowa would be ill-advised.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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