

**SUPPLEMENTAL LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF CHARLES C.
LYNCH POSITION RE: SENTENCING**

April 21, 2009

Reuven Cohen, Federal Public Defender
321 East 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4702

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Enclosed please find a letter of petition to Judge George Wu, asking him to exercise discretion and compassion in sentencing your client, Charles Lynch.

These signatures were gathered in a matter of hours by our outreach workers. We hope the judge recognizes that they represent only a fraction of the people who are watching this case and hoping that he follows the path of justice this Thursday.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Becky DeKeuster", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Becky DeKeuster
Community Liaison

April 18, 2009

Honorable Judge George H. Wu
United States District Court, Central California
312 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Judge Wu,

We, the undersigned, urge you to exercise the utmost compassion and to administer true justice in the sentencing of Charles C. Lynch.

The U.S. Department of Justice has seriously erred in refusing to support Mr. Lynch, a law-abiding citizen who operated in good faith to bring healing to thousands of human beings—in the same week that the DOJ refused to prosecute torturers who willfully caused unthinkable agony to thousands of human beings.

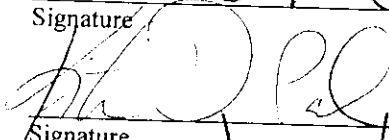
You are aware of the courageous decision of your colleague, Northern District Judge Claudia Wilken, who in September 2008 sentenced medical marijuana provider Michael Martin to probation only. Please, we beg you, exercise similar wisdom and compassion in Mr. Lynch's case.

Judge Wu, you have a momentous opportunity before you. Please do not sentence a good man to prison for providing safe access to medical marijuana for patients who would otherwise be driven to the cartel-controlled illegal market.

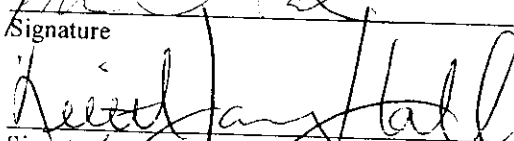
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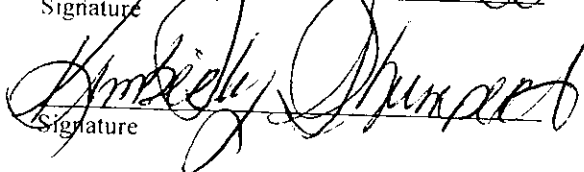
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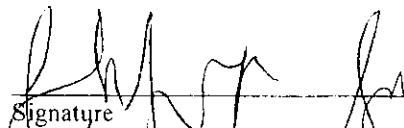
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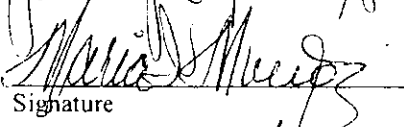
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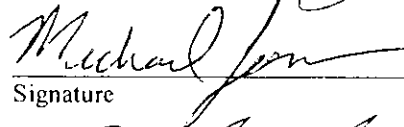
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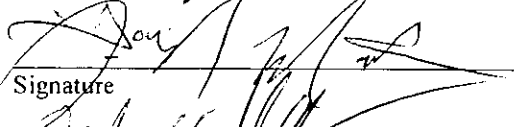
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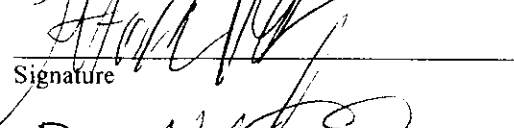
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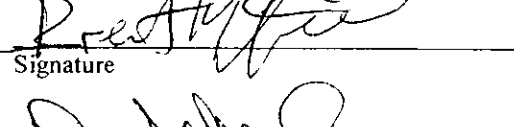
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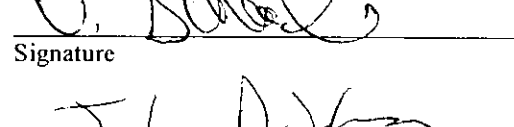
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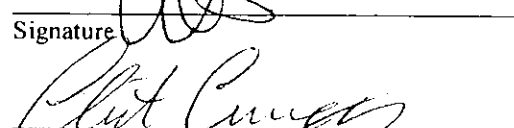
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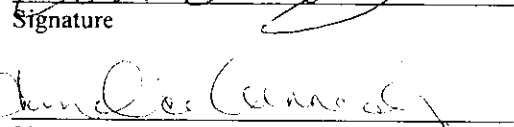
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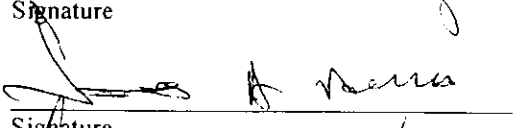
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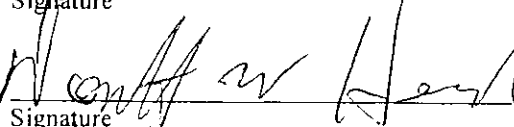
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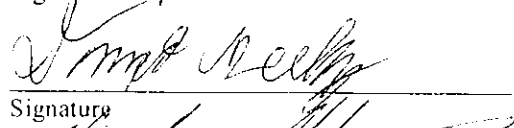
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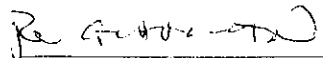
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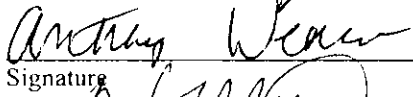
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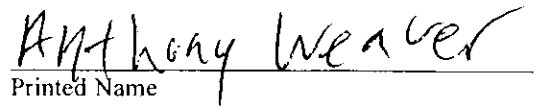

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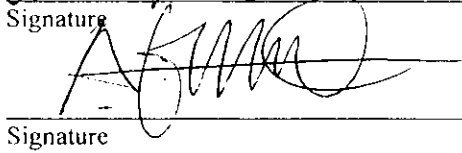

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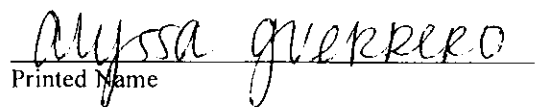

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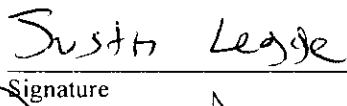
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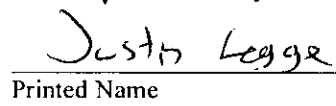

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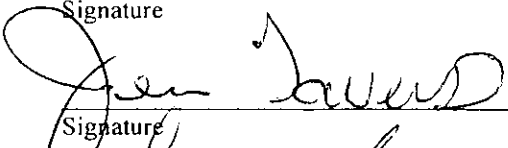

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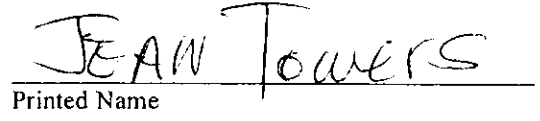

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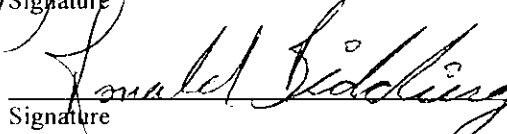

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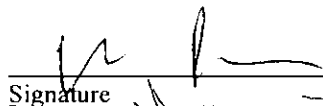

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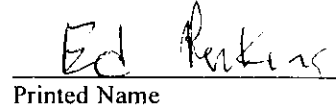

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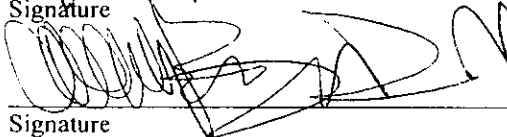

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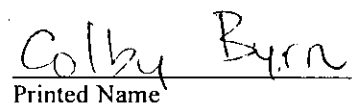

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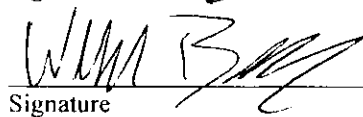

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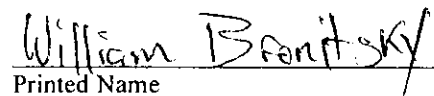

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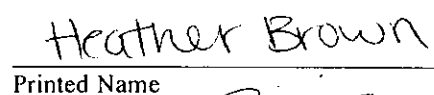

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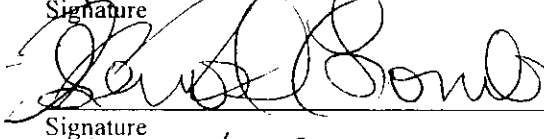

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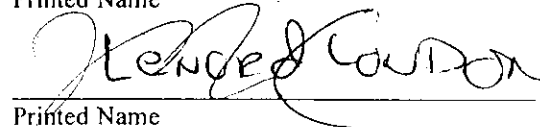

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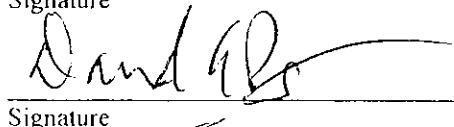

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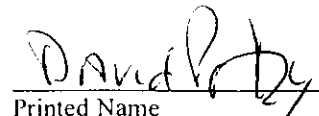

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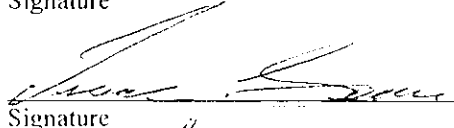

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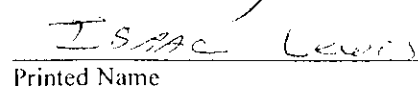

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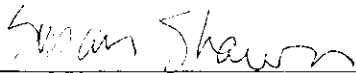
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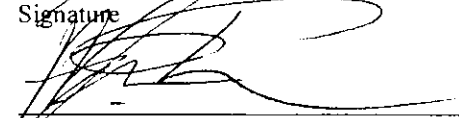
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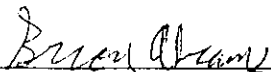
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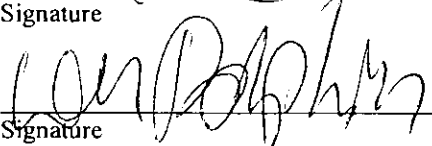
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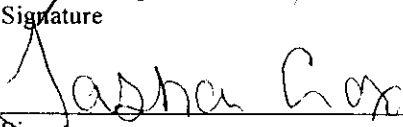
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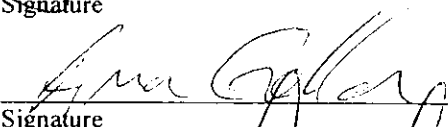
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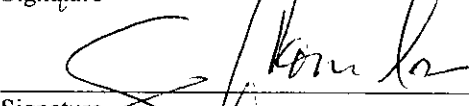
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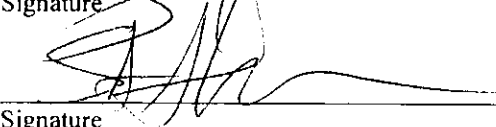
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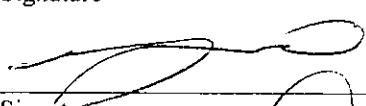
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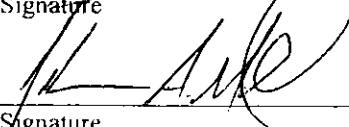
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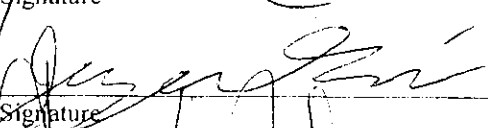
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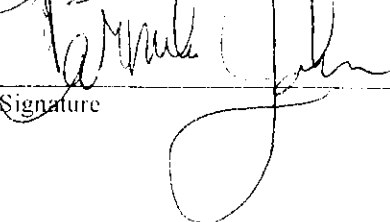
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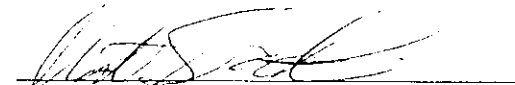
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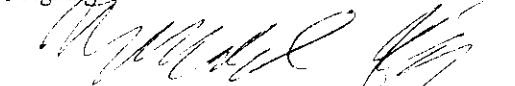


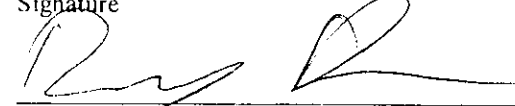
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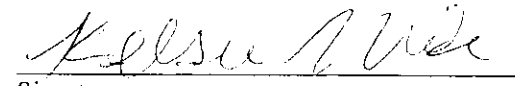
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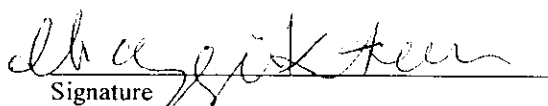

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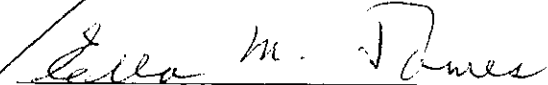

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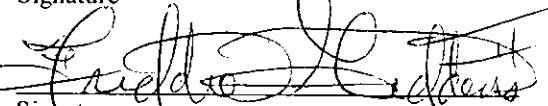

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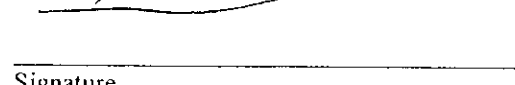

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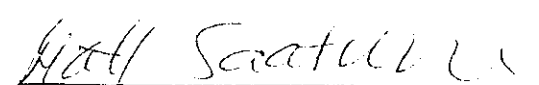

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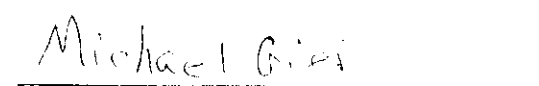

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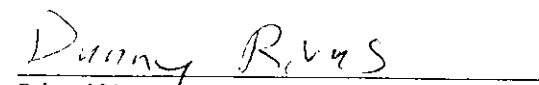

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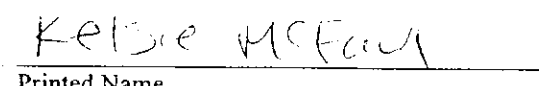

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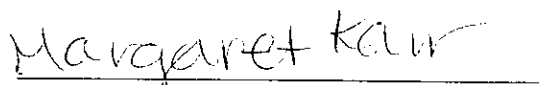

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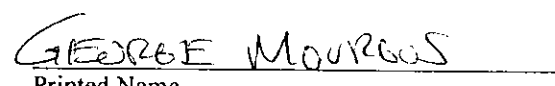

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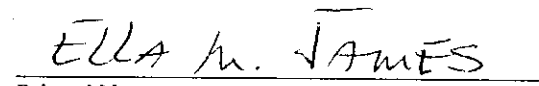

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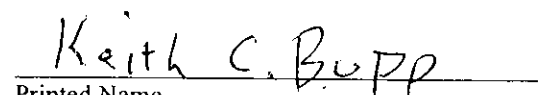

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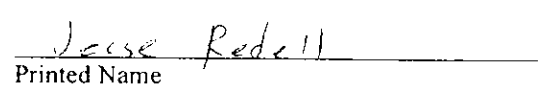

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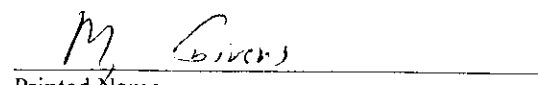

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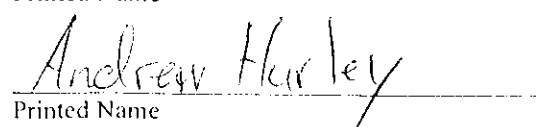

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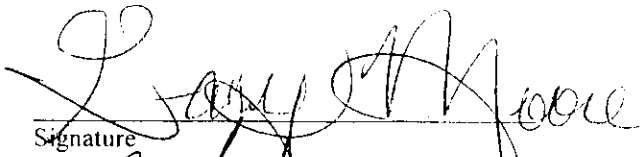
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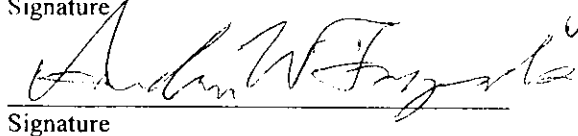
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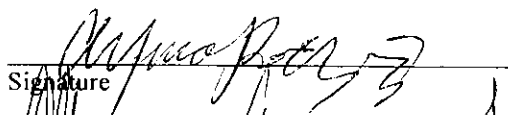
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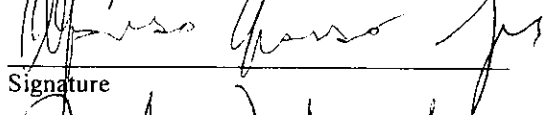
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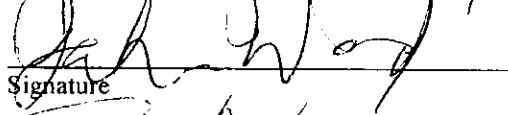
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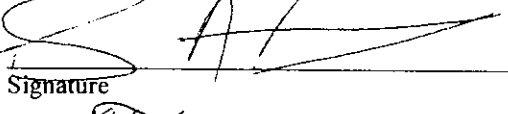
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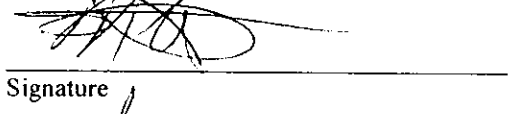
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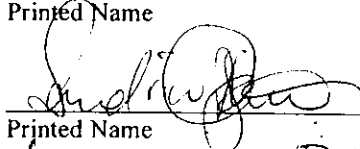
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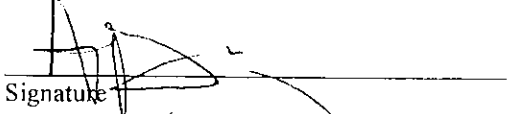
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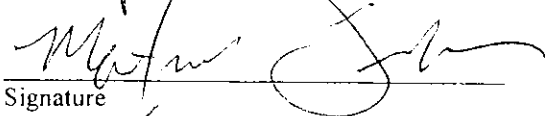
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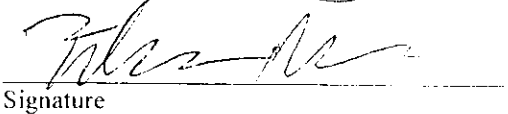
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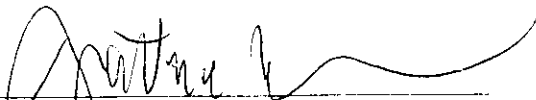
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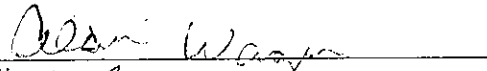
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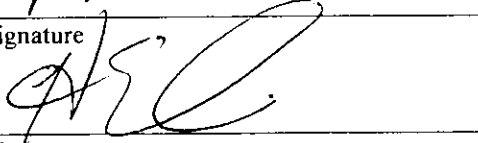
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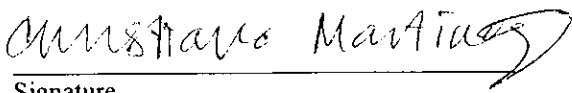
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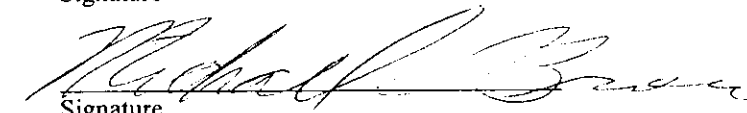
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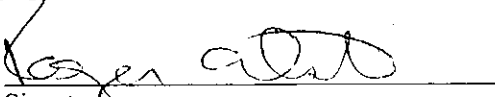
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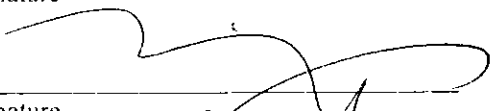
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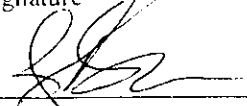
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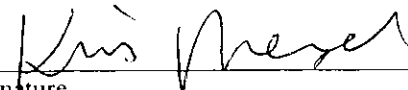
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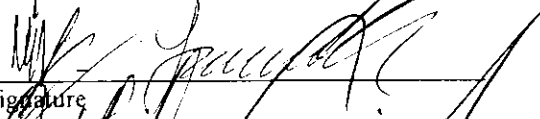
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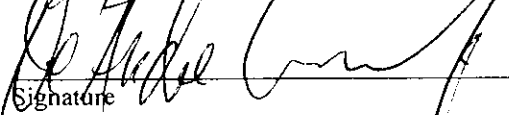
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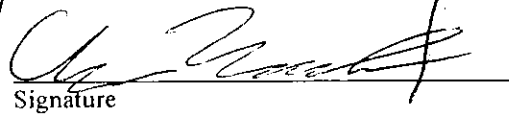

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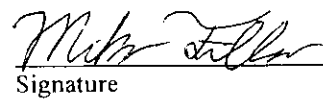

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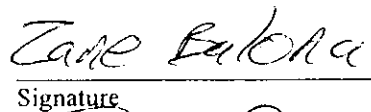

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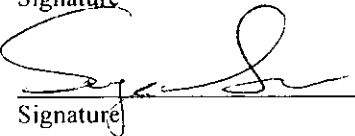

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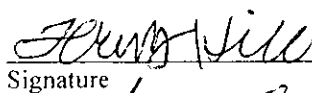

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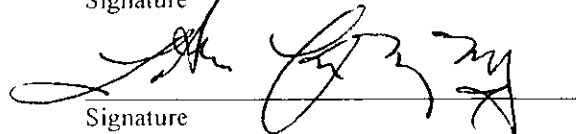

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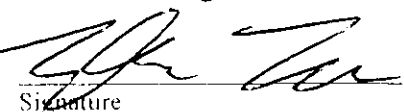

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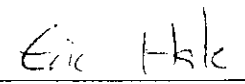

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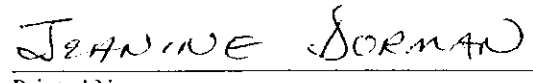

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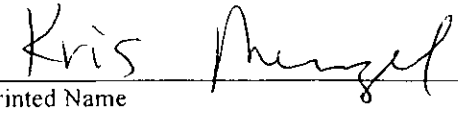

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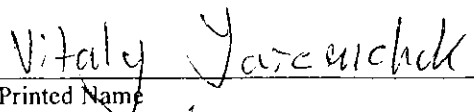

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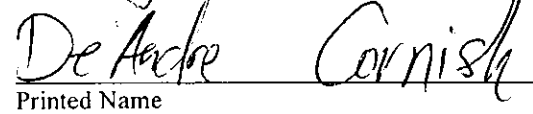

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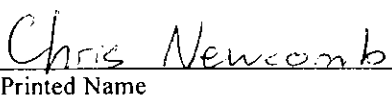

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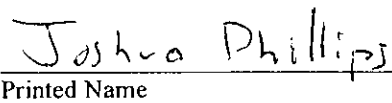

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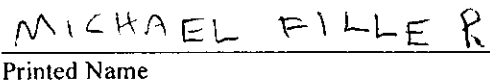

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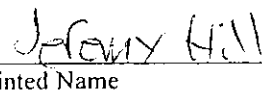

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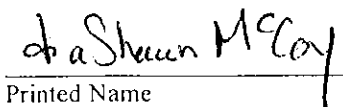

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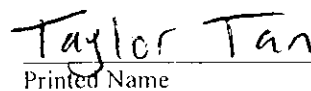

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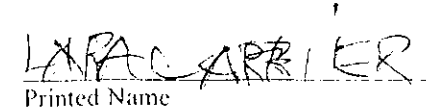
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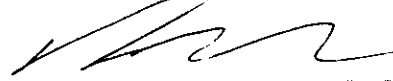
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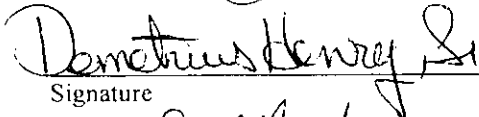
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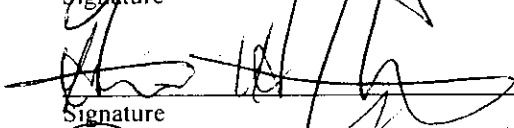
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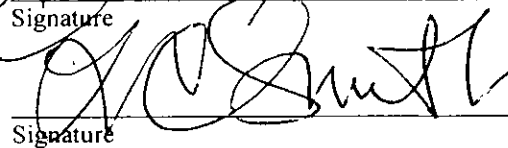
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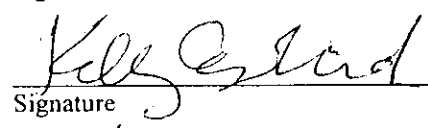
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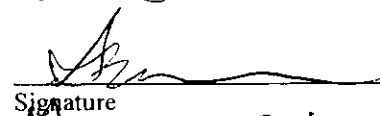
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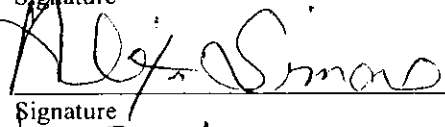
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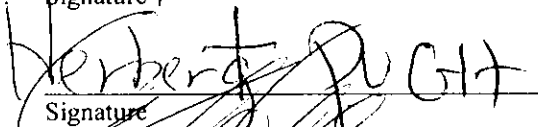
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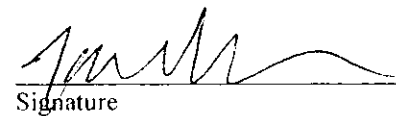
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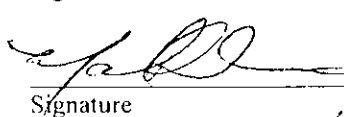
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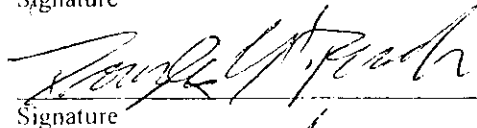
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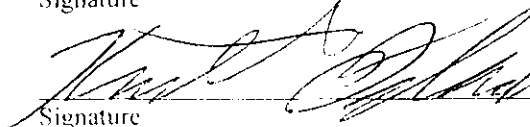
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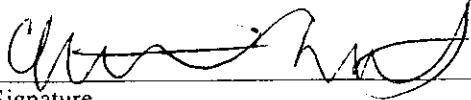
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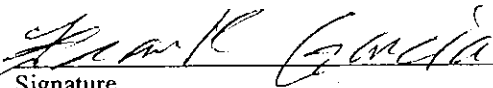
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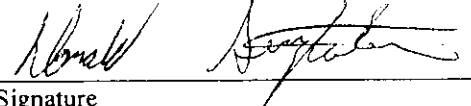
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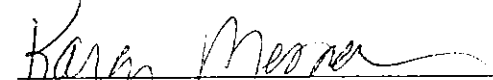
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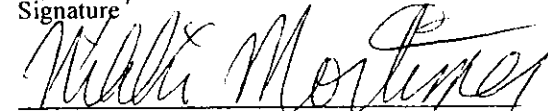
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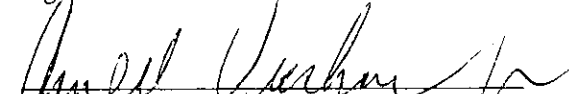
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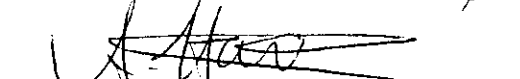
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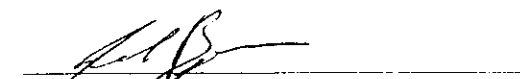
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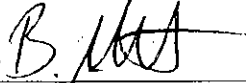
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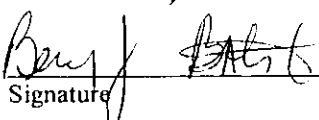
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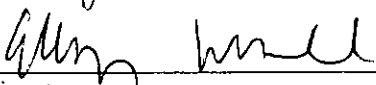
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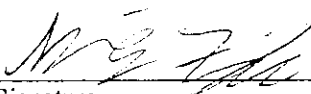
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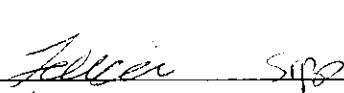
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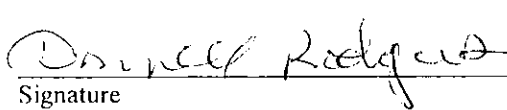
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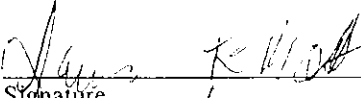
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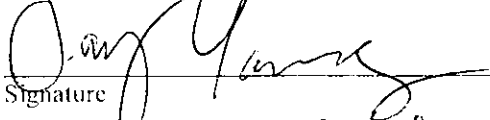
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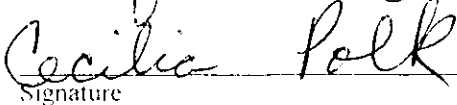
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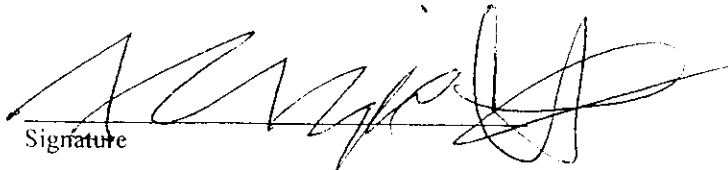
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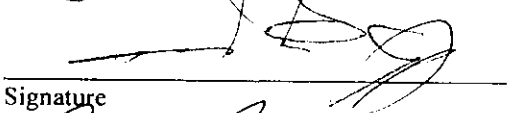
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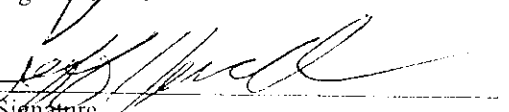
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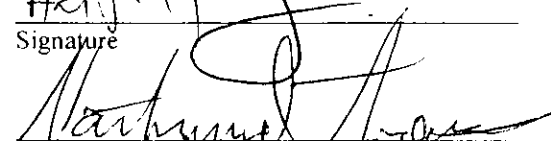
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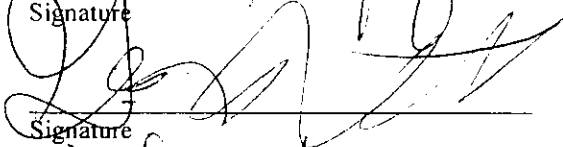
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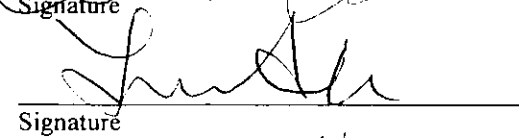
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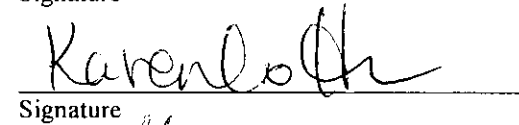
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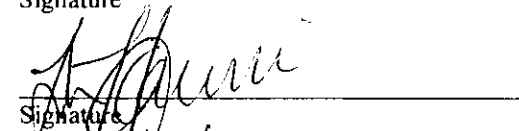
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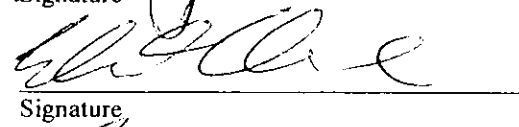
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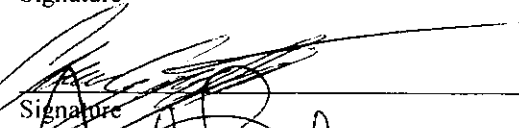
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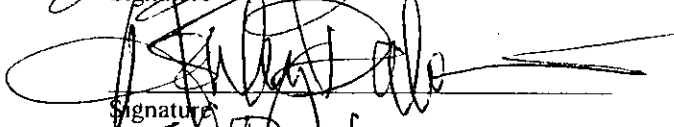
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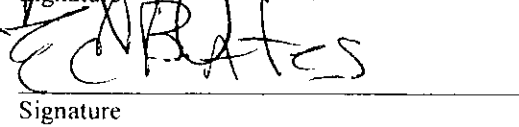
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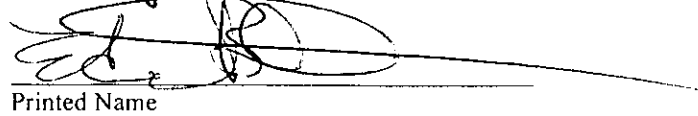

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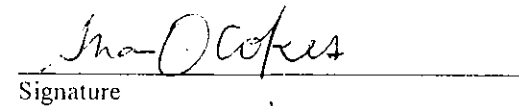
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Dear Judge Wu,

As a central coast marijuana patient, I used Mr. Lynch's clinic on several occasions with success. As a Californian who voted for the passage of prop 215, one would think that the federal government should stay out of this portion of the state's business. We as Californians don't have the same beliefs that those in DC have but they are trying to instill their will and beliefs into us. This is America, land of the free, home of the brave. Brave we are trying to get medicine on the central coast. I now grow my own but there are many who don't have the knowledge or ability to do so. I still grow in fear that one day the all powerful DEA will come pounding on my door. I would lose my home, my business, etc. just because someone in DC believes I shouldn't be able to take medical marijuana. I have had severe anxiety attacks with one putting me in the emergency room because I thought I was having a heart attack. By smoking a little before I go to bed each night has stopped the problem and I sleep great. I had been given Xanax by my regular physician but that made me a zombie and I had to take it all day. You tell me which one should take given those circumstances? My wife had been diagnosed bipolar, manic depressive and had been prescribed everything from lithium, buspar, effexor and on and on. Total mis-diagnosis by her physician(s). Just getting off of the effexor took literally two months. It is a terrible drug and probably worse than heroin to quit. Now she eats a little brownie about three times a week after she gets home from work and she has no more symptoms like she once had. The drug works for many of us. That is why we are at this point in California's history. You and only you have the ability to do what the California voters want as a whole by suspending the sentence of Mr. Lynch. This will set some precedence for the future. The federal government has stated they will no longer go after dispensaries that obey state law which is why I don't understand why the federal government is trying to make an example out of Mr. Lynch. Not only is locking up Mr. Lynch a waste of a human life but a waste of my tax dollars. I vehemently disagree with my contribution to the government to be used for his incarceration. Please be a responsible California citizen and do what the voters of this great state want. I wish I could put my name on this letter but obviously I am too scared to for fear of repercussion.

Sincerely,

Patient #4592872-A

Thanks for your time

Reuven Cohen
Federal Public Defender
321 East 2nd Street
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Dear Judge Wu,

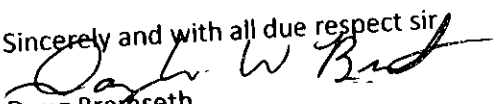
Why did you dismiss federal law by refusing medical marijuana as an argument in the Charles Lynch case? By refusing the argument, you have denied all federal and non federal scientific research data and dismissed the fact that the DEA has blatantly violated the Data Quality Act.

(Data Quality Act (DQA). The DQA requires federal agencies such as Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to rely on sound science when disseminating information to the public.)

Seriously, you are federal law sir.... your decisions set the precedent. To dismiss the published scientific research and all of the following government and non-government agencies (see below) as merely a bunch of hippies who want to get high, and to contend or uphold the outright lie that marijuana has no medical benefit, is in fact breaking federal law at worst and an insidious moral sin at best.

Sir, in my honest opinion you have no other choice but to rule time served in the Charles Lynch case based on the scientific facts and laws that to date, you contend do not affect this case. Please do the right thing by the law, the patients, and those who have the ability, courage, and willingness like Charles whom try to help patients. If he made money, so what! The pharmaceutical company demanded \$90 per pill for Kytril to treat my mother's nausea as she fought cancer last year. That is \$90 per pill, twice a day. Who is the profiteer? She passed Aug 30 '09, never realizing the relief that cannabis could have provided. She only tore up her stomach and bled profusely in her last week, as she was prescribed mass quantities of a poison called Hydrocodone. Why? It is clear..... U.S. Federal courts have refused to listen to the overwhelming scientific fact. DQA dictates that you and the DEA are bound by factual science. They call it truth where I come from.

Sincerely and with all due respect sir,


Doug Brenseth

Agencies that support medical marijuana: American Medical Association's recommendation, The New England Journal of Medicine, the MSS of the AMA, and The American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM), American Anthropological Association, The American Bar Association (ABA), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), The American Nurses Association (ANA), The American Public Health Association (APHA), The American Society of Addiction Medicine, Arthritis Research Campaign, British Medical Association, HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, The Lymphoma Foundation of America (LFA), The National Association for Public Health Policy, National Black Police Association, The National Nurses Society on Addictions, The Episcopal Church, The Presbyterian Church USA, The United Church of Christ, The United Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society, The Union of Reform Judaism, The Unitarian Universalist Association.

Leonard Labossiere

Ludlow, MA 01056

Honorable Judge Wu
C/O Reuven Cohen
Federal Public Defender
321 East 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4702

Dear Judge Wu:

I am deeply concerned about the sentencing of Charles C. Lynch and am of the opinion that Charles deserves extreme leniency in this matter. It is my understanding that he operated his State and City licensed dispensary with strict adherence to the laws as set forth by the State of California and the City of Morro Bay, California. The opening was done in public with the Mayor and other professionals.

It is truly a sad state of affairs when Federal and State Governments cannot resolve their differences and an innocent man is caught in the middle. As a concerned citizen, I believe in state and individual rights and the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of The United States of America which the State Medical Marijuana laws are based upon.

Please allow Charles Lynch to be set free. He is not a criminal. Usually when a crime is committed, there are victims. It appears that the only victim in this matter are Charles himself and the persons he served by providing safe and legal access to their medicinal needs.

Please, Your Honor, consider leniency and compassion in the sentencing of Charles C. Lynch.

Thank you,

Leonard Labossiere

Beth Curtis

Zanesville, OH. 43701

Honorable Judge Wu
C/O Reuven Cohen
Federal Public Defender
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Dear Judge Wu,

I am writing concerning the sentencing of Charles C Lynch. I understand that he is to be sentenced on March 23, 2009. Charles Lynch is a man who is caught in a catch 22 situation. His actions are not the problem, the problem is the incoherence of the justice system.

Please consider the following sentiment and what it means to citizens in their efforts to live in a free society:

“The law is a causeway upon which, so long as he keeps to it, a citizen may walk safely. To be free of tyranny in a free country, the causeway’s edges must be clearly marked,”
Thomas More- A Man for all Seasons

This lack of coherence of the law seems to me to be crux of Charles Lynch’s case.

I do not know Charles Lynch, but as I became familiar with his legal dilemma it made me despair for the relationship between good men and their government.

Since it’s inception, the Drug War has done irreparable damage to individuals, families and communities. If any damage can be diminished at sentencing, I would encourage you permit Charles Lynch to be free.

On a more practical note, as a taxpayer I deeply resent paying for the confinement of non-violent citizens whose life-styles have been callously criminalized.

Thank you,



Beth Curtis

Judge Wu,

Please use your heart to contemplate the fate of Charles Lynch. I am a 43 year old American citizen. I have worked and paid taxes(that pay your wages) since the age of 17.I Have used Marijuana since childhood. I am not a thief, I am not a murderer, I am not a deranged drug addict. I have my own house, I have raised a family, and I have a loving wife who does not smoke Marijuana. **JUST BECAUSE A LAW HAS BEEN PASSED DOES NOT MEAN IT IS RIGHT.** You have the power to make a statement to all of America. Let that statement be that Marijuana can be a part of a persons life, it does not have to define him.I beg you to be just. Stop the federal abuse of power over state. California voted in Medical Marijuana, it is legal here. Mr. Lynch is a law abiding citizen. Please make this case a defining moment in legal history, make it the moment that starts a new era in the war on drugs. Law abiding citizens like Mr. Lynch should be left a lone---- black market pushers that sell drugs to anybody they can, these are the people we should be spending tax payers money on to prosecute.

Darick Silsby

Darick W. Silsby

Elizabeth R. Mitchell
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April 4, 2009

Judge George H. Wu
U.S. District Court
Central District of California
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Re: Sentencing of Charles C. Lynch scheduled for April 30, 2009

Dear Judge Wu:

I am writing with respect to the sentencing of Charles C. Lynch for various federal convictions based on his operation of a medical marijuana dispensary in Morro Bay, California. I became aware of the matter this afternoon as I watched the MSNBC documentary, "Marijuana, Inc.," narrated by Al Roker.

I am a retired attorney living in Mendocino County, California. I remain an active member of the Bar of Washington State (Bar #7705), and am currently admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Lynch's situation is tragic. Please do not send him to federal prison. People with purely humanitarian motives are working across the country in the utmost good faith to make medical marijuana available to patients whom it can benefit. Mr. Lynch belongs to this group.

As the Obama Administration has now recognized, medical marijuana is a matter best left to doctors and their patients, and to state and local jurisdictions to regulate. Mr. Lynch was acting lawfully under state and county law. This information should have been admitted into evidence, and weighed by the jury. It is most appropriate for you to consider at sentencing.

At some point in our lives, we are all going to face the chronic illnesses of aging, or other painful circumstances for which medical marijuana use may

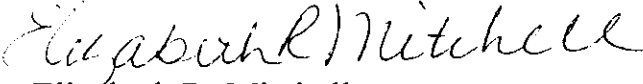
be palliative. Regulation and taxation by state and local jurisdictions is appropriate. Draconian penalties against defendants like Mr. Lynch are not appropriate or necessary.

I am proud that my former State of Washington passed a medical marijuana initiative in 1998, followed by a state implementing law in 2007, and Washington Department of Health guidelines in 2008. This is the direction in which our society is advancing.

Even if you disagree with legalizing medical marijuana, justice and mercy favor excusing Mr. Lynch.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth R. Mitchell