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Request Number: PHS - 10-0247 - MA
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March 23, 2010

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Dear Requester:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by this office on the date above. Your request has been assigned a case number based on its receipt in this office.

You requested records regarding:

The HHS report on medical use of marijuana recently submitted to the DEA Office of Diversion Control, Christine A. Sannerud, Chief, Drug & Chemical Evaluation Section (ODE) in response to the Marijuana Rescheduling Petition filed by Jon Gettman on October 9, 2002, accepted by DEA on April 13, 2003 and referred to HHS in July 2004.

Please note that the records you seek are maintained outside of this office and our staff has not yet been able to complete a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. Accordingly, we will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute. The actual processing time will depend on the complexity of your request and whether sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive search, and/or consultation with other Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) components or other executive branch agencies are involved.

You can learn more about the FOIA and the HHS FOI regulations at the following web address:
<http://www.usdoj.gov.foiastat.htm> and <http://gov.foia.45cfr5.html>.

The FOIA and HHS FOI regulations allow agencies to recover part of the costs of processing FOIA requests. There may be a charge for these records. If you have been classified as a Category I Requester, you will be charged for duplication, search time, and review time. If you have been classified as a Category III Requester, you will be charged for duplication (after the first 100 pages), and search (after the first two hours) fees.

If you have any questions, please call (301) 443-5252, or write to us at the address above.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Ely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" written in a smaller, more compact script, and the last name "A. Ely" written in a larger, more prominent cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name "Matthew A. Ely".

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request a copy of the Department of Health and Human Services report on medical use of marijuana which was just recently submitted to the DEA Office of Diversion Control, Christine A. Sannerud, Ph.D., Chief, Drug & Chemical Evaluation Section (ODE), in response to the Marijuana Rescheduling Petition filed by Jon Gettman on October 9, 2002, accepted by the DEA on April 13, 2003, and referred to the Department of Health and Human Services in July 2004..

I have attached a copy of an email I received from the DEA Office of Diversion Control, Susan Carr, Associate Section Chief (ODE/A), on March 19, 2010, describing the document I am requesting.

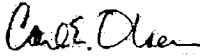
If any expenses are incurred in connection with this request, please obtain my approval before any such charges are incurred. I am a public researcher and political activist. Disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government because states like mine are considering medical marijuana legislation and have a legitimate concern about the impact federal laws may have on medical patients residing in those states.

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I will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I expect a detailed justification for withholding records. I also request any segregable portions that are not exempt to be disclosed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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