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Matthew J. Strait
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U. S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration
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Springfield, Virginia 22152

Re: RFRA Application

Dear Mr. Strait,

In reference to your letter of June 16, 2022 (attached hereto), I am updating you on the enactment of the Iowa Religious Freedom Restoration Act on April 2, 2024, Senate File 2095.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=90&ba=sf2095>

When I met with the Office of Diversion Control last year (see attached emails from the Des Moines Office of Diversion Control, March 20, 2023, and March 23, 2023), I said I was engaged with the State of Iowa in seeking a religious exemption for my use of cannabis as a sacrament.

I asked the state to create rules for religious exemptions last year and the department denied my request. I filed a petition for Judicial Review in Polk County District Court, which is currently pending. I am attaching my motion for Judicial Notice of the Iowa RFRA, April 8, 2024, to bring you up to date with the most recent activity in my RFRA application pending with the DEA.

Please acknowledge receipt of this update.

Thank you.

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