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Application for Religious Exemption
from the
Controlled Substances Act
pursuant to the
Religious Freedom Restoration Act

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Dear Assistant Administrator,

Thank you for your letter of June 16, 2022 (attached to this letter), acknowledging receipt of my application on April 27, 2022. Your letter invited me to contact you regarding any additional questions I might have. I agree with you regarding the complexity of my application, but I find this whole process (or lack of one) to be confusing. The guidance document has been revised and it was originally created in 2009. In all that time, no regulations have been created to implement this process. I agree it's complex and I'd like to work with you on it. I have some questions.

1. How many applications have you received since 2009?
2. How many applications have been approved?

Again, I'm open to any question you may have of me and I agree to respond within 60 days as outlined in your guidance document. I would ask that you return the same courtesy to me and respond to these requests within 60 days.

Thank you!

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Dear Mr. Olsen:

With this letter the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hereby acknowledges receipt of your petition, on April 27, 2022, to be exempted from the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act as promulgated under [42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1\(c\)](#).

Your petition is currently being reviewed in consideration of the complexity of your petition and DEA's mission to prevent the diversion of controlled substances granted under the authority of the CSA, [21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et. seq.](#)

For information regarding the Diversion Control Division, please visit www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov. If you have any additional questions on this issue, please contact the Diversion Control Division Regulatory Section at (571) 362-8137, or via e-mail at DRG@dea.gov.

Sincerely,

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