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The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire
Governor of Washington
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-3113

Dear Governor Gregoire:

This is in response to your letter dated November 30, 2011, petitioning the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to amend 21 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §§ 1308.11(d) and 1308.12(f) to move marijuana in the list of controlled substances from schedule I to schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act. We are sending an identical response to Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of Rhode Island, who joined in your letter.

The petition complies procedurally with the requirements of 21 C.F.R. § 1308.43(b), and the DEA is, therefore, accepting the petition for filing.

Pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 1308.43(c), DEA is evaluating the grounds upon which you rely in your petition. We will notify you of our determination. In the interim, should you have further questions relating to the petition, please contact me at (202) 307-7165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph T. Rannazzisi".

Joseph T. Rannazzisi
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Diversion Control