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Dear Director Kerlikowske and Administrator Leonhart:

The Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), which represents over 24,000 physicians, medical students and residents, urges the DEA to reclassify marijuana so that its potential medicinal use by humans may be further studied and potentially regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. We join the efforts of the American Medical Association in this regard. The MMS also supports the development of non-smoked, reliable delivery systems for cannabis-derived and cannabinoid medications for research purposes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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