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October 2, 2006

Ms. Karen Tandy  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
2401 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22301

Dear Ms. Tandy:

During the September meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Police Chiefs Association we had a presentation by Chief Scott Kirkland of the El Cerrito Police Department. This presentation consisted of the secondary impacts of the commercial sales of medical marijuana here in California. The complete text of the presentation can be found on the California Police Chiefs Association website at [www.californiapolicechiefs.org](http://www.californiapolicechiefs.org) the specific page is [http://www.californiapolicechiefs.org/nav\\_files/research/ordinances.html](http://www.californiapolicechiefs.org/nav_files/research/ordinances.html), then click on Secondary Effects research under El Cerrito. This is an extensive document which is nearly 100 pages in length.

This document clearly points out the dangers and frustrations that law enforcement has experienced in California with trying to enforce marijuana laws. Some situations have reached the point where state judicial officers (local judges) are ordering our members to return marijuana which has been lawfully seized.

As you are aware this has become a political issue in California, and even though local police chiefs want to enforce the law, some cities have determined that California law is what they want to follow. As an aside there is nothing in current California statutes or Prop. 215 which allows for the commercial sale of marijuana but in an effort to appease constituents many City Councils and Boards of Supervisors have moved forward with allowing commercial sales.

What the California Police Chiefs Association is requesting is that DEA become more actively involved in working with local law enforcement to close these distribution centers, seize their profits and all marijuana which might be located and to take these cases into the federal judicial system.

We understand this is an issue of priorities with DEA, but it is the feeling of the California Police Chiefs Association, and our members, that a concentrated effort sustained over a period of time would send a strong message to local and county government that "medical marijuana" is not allowed and that those who profit from the sales and distribution of marijuana under the guise of "medicine" will face the consequences.

Karen Tandy  
September 20, 2006  
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We would request that you direct a member of your staff to review the material and research of Chief Kirkland and come to your own conclusions as to how prevalent and destructive the problem has become for California law enforcement.

We enjoy a collaborative, effective partnership with the DEA staff assigned here in California. This letter is in no way inferring that they are not continuing in those efforts. We have worked, and will continue to work, with all of our federal partners including the DEA. If you have future questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (925) 371-4710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Krull". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Krull  
President