August 19, 2014

The Honorable Michele Leonhart, Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
United States Department of Justice
600-700 Army-Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Administrator Leonhart,

In March of 2014, the Legislature of the state of Indiana passed a bill that was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence on March 26, 2014, directing the Office of Indiana State Chemist & Seed Commissioner to pursue the necessary permits and authorities to grow and regulate industrial hemp in the state of Indiana. Following a request forwarded on March 28, 2014, I am herein making a second request for an Indiana permit to receive industrial hemp seed and to grow industrial seed as prescribed in the recently adopted Farm Bill. This requested permit is the same as that which your Office has issued to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the state of Colorado to legally obtain industrial hemp seed and to grow seed for the purpose of conducting research on the potential uses of industrial hemp and production of industrial hemp granted by the 2014 United States Farm Bill (Section 7606 – “Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research”) passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Obama on February 7, 2014.

I seek this permit on behalf of any Indiana researcher employed by a university or institution of higher education, recognized by Indiana law, who may wish to participate in research on industrial hemp, ordering seed to produce a crop, bringing seed of multiple varieties of industrial hemp into the United States for agricultural purposes; possession of industrial hemp as seeds or as a growing crop; temporarily storing industrial hemp post-harvest, or transporting industrial hemp to consign it to a processor for final use or modification for final use.
Your favorable review of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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