



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FOUNDATION

"A Brighter Tomorrow"

July 14, 2006

DEA Administrator Karen P. Tandy
Drug Enforcement Administration Office
Mailstop: AXS
2401 Jefferson Davis Highway
Alexandria, VA 22301

Re: Professor Lyle Craker, PhD., Docket No. 05-16

Dear Administrator Tandy,

My name is Christine Ratliff, editor of *MSFocus*, the national magazine of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MSF). For twenty years, we have been providing education, information, support and referrals to individuals living with MS, their families, and their healthcare providers. On behalf of the MSF, I'm writing to you in the matter of Craker v. DEA, Docket NO. 05-16.

The MSF believes that the medical use of marijuana is an issue that should be resolved through controlled scientific research. As a result, the MSF recommends that DEA grant a license to produce marijuana exclusively for federally approved research to Prof. Lyle Craker, Director of the Laboratories for Natural Products, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, U-Mass Amherst.

In our view, we need more scientific research, both government-funded and privately-funded, into the risks and benefits of the medical uses of marijuana. By issuing a license to Prof. Craker, the DEA can demonstrate that it will facilitate, rather than obstruct, the privately funded scientific evaluation of marijuana's potential medical uses.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, I can be reached at chris@msfocus.org or you may call me at 888-MSFOCUS (673-6287).

Sincerely,

Christine Ratliff
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