

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

In the Matter of

**Schedules of Controlled Substances:
Proposed Rescheduling of Marijuana**

**DEA Docket No. 1362
Hearing Docket No. 24-44**

**ORDER REGARDING THE CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE CANNABIS
OMBUDSMAN AND THE DOC APP'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

Yesterday, the Connecticut Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman (OCO) and The Doc App, through counsel, filed a notice with the tribunal indicating their intent to withdraw and no longer participate in these administrative proceedings (Withdrawal Request).

Accordingly, the Withdrawal Request is herein **GRANTED**.¹

Dated: February 7, 2025

JOHN J. MULROONEY, II
Chief Administrative Law Judge

¹ Inasmuch as OCO, The Doc App, and another Designated Participant, Ellen Brown (who has since expressed her opposition to its filing), were attached to the filing of an interlocutory appeal (IA) to the (then) Drug Enforcement Administration Administrator, Hemp for Victory and Village Farms International are the only remaining Designated Participants serving as proponents of the IA.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned, on February 7, 2025, caused a copy of the foregoing to be delivered to the following recipients: (1) Julie L. Hamilton, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at julie.l.hamilton@dea.gov; James J. Schwartz, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at james.j.schwartz@dea.gov; Jarrett T. Lonich, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at jarrett.t.lonich@dea.gov; and S. Taylor Johnston, Esq., Counsel for the Government, via email at stephen.t.johnston@dea.gov; (2) the DEA Government Mailbox, via email at dea.registration.litigation@dea.gov; (3) Shane Pennington, Esq., Counsel for Village Farms International, via email at spennington@porterwright.com; and Tristan Cavanaugh, Esq., Counsel for Village Farms International, via email at tcavanaugh@porterwright.com; (4) Nikolas S. Komyati, Esq., Counsel for National Cannabis Industry Association, via email at nkomyati@foxrothschild.com; William Bogot, Esq., Counsel for National Cannabis Industry Association, via email at wbogot@foxrothschild.com; and Khurshid Khoja, Esq., Counsel for National Cannabis Industry Association, via email at khurshid@greenbridgelaw.com; (5) Dante Picazo for Cannabis Bioscience International Holdings, via email at ir@cbih.net; (6) Andrew J. Kline, Esq., Counsel for Hemp for Victory, via email at AKline@perkinscoie.com; and Abdul Kallon, Esq., Counsel for Hemp for Victory, via email at and AKallon@perkinscoie.com; (7) Scheril Murray Powell, Esq., Counsel for Veteran's Initiative 22, via email at smpesquire@outlook.com; and David C. Holland, Esq., Counsel for Veterans Initiative 22, via email at dch@hollandlitigation.com; (8) Kelly Fair, Esq., Counsel for The Commonwealth Project, via email at Kelly.Fair@dentons.com; Joanne Caceres, Esq., Counsel for The Commonwealth Project, via email at joanne.caceres@dentons.com; and Lauren M. Estevez, Esq., Counsel for The Commonwealth Project, via email at lauren.estevez@dentons.com; (9) Rafe Petersen, Esq., Counsel for Ari Kirshenbaum, via email at Rafe.Petersen@hkllaw.com; (10) David G. Evans, Esq., Counsel for Cannabis Industry Victims Educating Litigators, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, Kenneth Finn, Drug Enforcement Association of Federal Narcotics Agents, and National Drug and Alcohol Screening Association, via email at thinkon908@aol.com; (11) Patrick Philbin, Esq., Counsel for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, via email at pphilbin@torridonlaw.com; and Chase Harrington, Esq., Counsel for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, via email at charrington@torridonlaw.com; (12) Zachary Viglianco, Esq., for the State of Nebraska, via email at zachary.viglianco@nebraska.gov; (13) Gene Voegtlin for International Association of Chiefs of Police, via email at voegtlin@theiacp.org; (14) Patrick Kenneally, Esq. Counsel for Drug Enforcement Association of Federal Narcotics Agents, via email at pdkenneally78@gmail.com; (15) Reed N. Smith, Esq., Counsel for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, via email at Reed.Smith@ag.tn.gov; and Jacob Durst, Esq., Counsel for Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, via email at Jacob.Durst@ag.tn.gov; (16) Matthew Zorn, Esq., Counsel for OCO, *et al.*, via email at mzorn@yettercoleman.com; and (17) Ellen Brown, via email at ellen@greenpathtraining.com.

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