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Dear Laura:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the actions taken by the Department of Justice against legal medical marijuana dispensaries.

It has come to my attention that the My Mother Earth Co-op has received 2 letters from your office threatening that the federal government "may and could" take possession of the building they are leasing.

This threat is a form of unwarranted intimidation that the My Mother Earth Co-op doesn't deserve. The Co-op operates under a strict county ordinance that mandates that the facility is inspected monthly by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and according to these inspection reports, all parties have followed the letter of law.

If the My Mother Earth Co-op was to be shut down, thirteen employees would lose their jobs and 2300 members of the Co-op would lose access to their legal source of marijuana. The My Mother Earth Co-op is the only licensed facility in all of San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties. This means it is the only facility able to serve the patients referred by physicians from these counties.

I write to ask that you provide assurances that the Co-op be allowed a reasonable amount of time to illustrate their adherence to San Diego County's Ordinance.

I understand that you have a duty to enforce federal law, but hope that you will keep in mind the will of the voters of California.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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