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The Honorable John Ashcroft
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

I am writing to express my outrage over the forfeiture action filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles against the nonprofit Los Angeles Cannabis Resources Center, which has operated under California State law to give some relief from pain to those suffering with life-threatening diseases like cancer and AIDS. It is inconceivable that precious federal resources are being used to fight sick people when our nation faces unprecedented threats.

This action makes absolutely no sense. It seems to reflect the moral and ideological views of zealots in the Department, instead of a rational and clear-eyed evaluation of our most pressing national priorities. I strongly urge you to withdraw the complaint so you can devote more attention to protecting our nation against terrorism.

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress