

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 EVIDENTIARY RESPONSES TO THE PRELIMINARY ORDER**

On October 31, 2024, this tribunal issued an order (the Preliminary Order or Prelim. Ord.) directing the Designated Participants (DPs) involved in this proposed rescheduling action to comply with a series of procedural directives. The Preliminary Order instructed the Designated Participants, *inter alia*, to submit notices which outline their identifying information and interest(s) in the matter. Prelim. Ord. at 3.

Doubtlessly motivated by a conscientious desire to ensure that the Agency had the benefit of a wide range of important perspectives, Cannabis Industry Victims Educating Litigators, Hemp for Victory, and the National Cannabis Industry Association (collectively, the Evidence-Serving DPs) have supplied proposed evidentiary exhibits. At this early procedural juncture, proposed evidentiary exhibits cannot be offered or admitted. The timing and method of noticing, serving, and tendering evidentiary exhibits as well as objections thereto will be outlined in a forthcoming order.

Accordingly, the proposed evidentiary exhibits supplied by the Evidence-Serving DPs, at least for the moment, will not be included in the record.

Dated: November 13, 2024

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JOHN J. MULROONEY, II  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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