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May 16, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

We are writing to follow up on a letter we sent on May 13, 2015 requesting that the Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice conduct a scientific and medical evaluation of cannabidiol. We are grateful that the Departments agreed to conduct this evaluation, and are now requesting an update on its status and the expected date of completion.

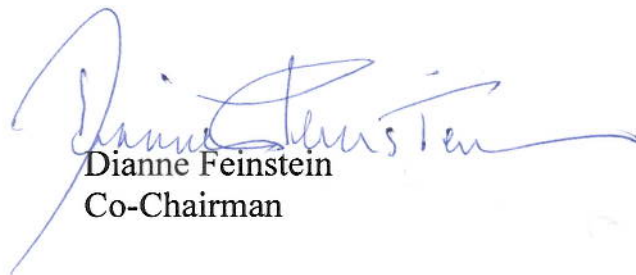
Given that many individuals suffer from serious medical conditions that may be alleviated by cannabidiol, it is critical that this evaluation be completed expeditiously.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important request. We appreciate the steps your Department has already taken to reduce barriers to researching cannabidiol. We look forward to your response, which we respectfully request by June 17, 2016.

Sincerely,



Charles Grassley
Chairman



Dianne Feinstein
Co-Chairman

cc: Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice
Chuck Rosenberg, Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration
Robert Califf, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration