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Mr. Graham Shalgian (Issues Director)
Mr. Tom Crohan (Congressional Aide)
C/O Senator Edward Kennedy
2400 JFK Building
Government Center
Boston, MA 02203

RE: University of Massachusetts – marijuana.

Dear Mr. Tom Crohan and Mr. Graham Shalgian:

This letter is to indicate that Professor Lyle Craker, Department of Plant, Soil, and Insect Sciences has the support of the Administration of the University of Massachusetts – Amherst in his quest to secure a license to grow medical marijuana for use in clinical trials that could determine whether there is any medicinal value of this plant material. This medical marijuana would be supplied only to those scientific researchers holding all necessary state and federal licenses required to test the possible use of medical marijuana for treatment of human afflictions. Professor Craker has consulted with Drug Enforcement Administration officers on security issues to ensure that none of the medical marijuana being produced at the University could be diverted to any other activity.

As a public university with a research mission, we are committed to the right of the public to unobstructed research in the public interest. As evidenced by a number of state initiatives, medical marijuana is of public interest. We believe in supporting research that can provide the truth as to whether medicinal marijuana is of therapeutic value. Professor Craker has considerable experience in growing medicinal plants for experimental purposes and is well qualified to produce medical marijuana for use in clinical trials.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Kostecki".

Paul T. Kostecki
Vice-Provost for Research

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Goodwin".

Steven D. Goodwin
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the Environment