## 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

JOHN J. MULROONEY, II CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

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Pursuant to the Tribunal's January 13, 2025 Order, the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (Government or DEA), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submits the ordered Joint Status Report on behalf of the Government and Movants.

To date, Movants' interlocutory appeal to the Acting Administrator regarding their

Motion to Reconsider remains pending with the Acting Administrator. No briefing schedule has been set.

Dated: April 10, 2025

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 10, 2025, I electronically submitted the foregoing Joint Status Report to DEA Judicial Mailbox, via email at ECF-DEA@dea.gov; and caused a copy of the same to be delivered to the following recipients:

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