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Green Theory

Owners/Operators: Johnathan Crandall, Robert Martin, and Ian Tsang

4828 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Via Email: [info@greentheorydc.com](mailto:info@greentheorydc.com)

Dear Misters Crandall, Martin, and Tsang,

As United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, I receive requests for information and clarification. I take these requests seriously and act on them with letters like this one you are receiving.

I am writing to each of you about the marijuana dispensary operating under the business name Green Theory located at 4828 MacArthur Blvd here in Washington, DC. It is my understanding that each of you is either an owner or operator of this dispensary. This dispensary appears to be operating within 1,000 feet of several schools, including: Our Lady of Victory Catholic School; the River School; St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School; the Lab School; and Little Ivies preschool.

As you likely know, there are numerous federal laws governing and even prohibiting the distribution and possession of marijuana, including provisions of the Controlled Substances Act. Your dispensary appears to be operating in violation of federal law, and the Department of Justice has the authority to enforce federal law even when such activities may be permitted under state or local law. Persons and entities owning, operating, or facilitating such dispensaries (as well as premises grow centers) may be subject to criminal prosecution and civil enforcement actions under federal law. Moreover, enhanced federal penalties may apply when a dispensary is operating within 1,000 feet of a school. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 860(a).

Additionally, the owners, operators, and/or leaseholders of the property may be implicated because provisions of federal law relating to controlled substances have direct and unambiguous implications for property owners and managers. Specifically, Title 21, United States Code, Section

856(a) provides that it is unlawful to: “knowingly and intentionally rent, lease, profit from, or make available for use, with or without compensation, [a] place for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing, storing, distributing, or using a controlled substance.” A violation of this provision may result in criminal prosecution and civil penalties. Furthermore, any person or entity with an ownership interest in real property, with knowledge or reason to know that the real property is being used for illegal drug sales, may have his or her interest in the property forfeited to the United States Government without compensation. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(7).

With this letter, I want to know the following:

- Are you aware of the federal laws related to marijuana dispensaries and their locations near schools?
- Have you addressed these issues with federal law enforcement officials?
- Can you produce documentation regarding your compliance with federal law?

I am concerned that you are in violation of federal laws, which are intended to protect children. To that end, the need to address this issue is serious.

Finally, I look forward to your cooperation with my letter of inquiry, and I request that each of you respond to this letter of inquiry by Monday, May 12, 2025. Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call my office or schedule a time to meet in person. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

All the best.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward R. Martin, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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