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The Honorable Michele M. Leonhart
Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
U.S. Department of Justice
8701 Morrissette Drive
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Dear Ms. Leonhart:

Thank you for your recent letter notifying me of your intention to publish an order in the Federal Register temporarily placing 3,4-methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV), 4-methyl-N-methylcathinone (mephedrone), and 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone (methydone) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

I asked the FDA to review its files and they advise that there are currently no investigational new drug applications (INDs) or approved new drug applications (NDAs) for these substances. The Department of Health and Human Services has no objection regarding your plans to temporarily place the above mentioned three synthetic cathinones into Schedule I of the CSA.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Secretary for Health