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Doug Goehring
Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
State of North Dakota
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

Dear Commissioner Goehring:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 2009 concerning the cultivation and regulation of industrial hemp. I have forwarded your letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration, which may more thoroughly review and address the concerns presented in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Spencer Overton".

Spencer Overton