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Rev. Carl E. Olsen  
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Dear Rev. Olsen:

Thank you for your continued correspondence on the issue of legalizing marijuana. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this issue.

As you know I do not agree that marijuana should be legalized. As I have stated before marijuana is illegal because it is dangerous. When you smoke marijuana, or use any other drug, it changes your brain. It changes the way you think, your ability to learn, and how well you can remember. Making marijuana a legal drug will not change any of this. The laws granting the federal government the authority over the movement and sale of these dangerous substances is well established and has been thoroughly reviewed by the courts. Since I believe marijuana should be illegal I cannot write a letter to Michele Leonhart, Director of the Drug Enforcement Agency, in support of changing the classification of marijuana.

Even though we disagree on the issue of legalization of marijuana I want to thank you again for taking the time to contact me with your views. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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