



**Department of Justice**  
**Drug Enforcement Administration**

*Office of Congressional Affairs*

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The Honorable Elizabeth A. Warren  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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