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The Honorable Ed Fallon  
State Representative  
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Dear Representative Fallon:

Your response to our denial of your opinion request in July has been referred by the Attorney General to me for reply. We appreciate the fact that your constituent, Mr. Olsen, is apparently dissatisfied with our response to your opinion request. Nevertheless, we decline to use the opinion process to determine whether the use of marijuana by the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is legal under the statutes and cases that Mr. Olsen cites.

For the reasons discussed in our letter in July, we continue to believe the opinion process is not appropriate to resolve these factual and legal issues. In any event, our opinion would not bind law enforcement officials who are authorized to file criminal charges. We continue to believe that Mr. Olsen should pose his concerns to law enforcement officials in an effort to seek guidance in advance from those who would ultimately make charging decisions.

I regret that we cannot be of further assistance to Mr. Olsen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie F. Pottorff".

JULIE F. POTTORFF  
Deputy Attorney General