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Dear Ms. Hoots:

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hereby acknowledges receipt of your letter dated April 14, 2025, regarding DEA's guidance providing the process for Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) petitions. DEA appreciates the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

As you noted in your letter, DEA has previously published in the Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions notice of its intention to amend its regulations to accommodate religious entities that seek to apply for a DEA registration under RFRA. Should DEA publish a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning RFRA, there will be an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the specific proposal being made. DEA responds to such comments in the [Federal Register](#) notice promulgating the final rule. In the meantime, entities seeking a DEA registration under RFRA may submit a petition in accordance with DEA's "[Guidance Regarding Petitions for Religious Exemption from the Controlled Substances Act Pursuant to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act \(Revised\)](#)."

Thank you for sharing your concerns. For information regarding DEA's Diversion Control Division, please visit <https://DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov>. If you have any additional questions on this issue, please contact the Diversion Control Division's Policy Section at (571) 362-3260.

Sincerely,

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