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***VIA EMAIL***

Tricia Everest  
Secretary of Public Safety  
State of Oklahoma

Donnie Anderson  
Director  
Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control

Adria Berry  
Executive Director  
Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority

Tim Tipton  
Commissioner  
Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

Greg Mashburn  
Director  
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

**RE: Strengthening and Coordinating Enforcement on Psychoactive  
Marijuana Byproducts**

Dear Secretary Everest, Director Anderson, Director Berry, Commissioner Tipton, and Director Mashburn:

As Governor, one of my highest priorities is to protect the safety and wellbeing of all Oklahomans. I greatly appreciate the work each of your agencies has undertaken to address growing concerns related to psychoactive marijuana byproducts. Your efforts to date have been critical in highlighting the seriousness of this issue and protecting the public.

Reports of the increasing availability and use of these substances indicate a need for the State to intensify its efforts to combat this problem. I write to ask each of you to coordinate closely with one another to strengthen enforcement and regulatory action. A unified, cross-agency approach will be essential to effectively combat the unlawful manufacturing, distribution, and sale of these compounds across Oklahoma.

This effort should focus on substances including, but not limited to:

- Delta-8 Tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta$ 8-THC)
- Delta-10 Tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta$ 10-THC)
- Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC)
- Tetrahydrocannabinol-O Acetate (THC-O)
- Tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCP)
- Tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV)

These compounds, typically synthesized or chemically altered from hemp-derived cannabidiol (CBD), are reportedly being sold both through licensed dispensaries and illicit markets, without sufficient regulatory oversight or control. Their psychoactive properties, particularly when marketed to young people, pose significant risks that demand coordinated attention.

Accordingly, I request that your agencies work together to identify and investigate the presence of the above compounds and/or similar substances, and as appropriate to your agency's authority, to take action within your jurisdictional lane. I defer to your collective judgment as to how to divide responsibility, but it seems that OBNDCC, DPS, and OSBI should focus on unlawful sources, distribution networks, and unlicensed points of sale, such as convenience stores, and OMMA should ensure that licensed dispensaries and related businesses are operating within their authorized scope and not engaging in the sale of unauthorized compounds.

Likewise, I request that your agencies collaboratively identify gaps in the current regulatory and enforcement framework, if any, and provide recommendations for statutory or administrative changes to my office if additional action is needed.

I have the utmost confidence in the professionalism and expertise of your teams to carry out this important work. Please provide a joint update to my office within 30 days outlining your coordinated approach to this effort.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to safeguarding Oklahoma communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Stitt', with a stylized 'K' and 'S'.

J. Kevin Stitt  
Governor of Oklahoma