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TO: Law Enforcement Agency Representative

FROM: Joshua Vinciguerra, Director, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

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RE: New York State Medication Drop Box Program Participation

The New York State Medication Drop Box Program allows for eligible law enforcement agencies to voluntarily operate a secure, on-site disposal site for individual members of the public to dispose of unused, lawfully-obtained controlled substances in accordance with federal law (Public Health Law §3343-b).

The DEA has determined that state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies with sworn personnel authorized to carry firearms, execute and serve warrants, make arrests without a warrant, and make seizures of property are eligible to voluntarily maintain a collection receptacle located inside the law enforcement agency's physical address (21 CFR §§1300.05, 1317).

The enclosed documents pertain to those law enforcement agencies opting to voluntarily participate in this program and collect and safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired lawfully-obtained controlled substances.

If yours is an eligible law enforcement agency, I enthusiastically encourage you to participate in the New York State Medication Drop Box Program. Thank you.

Enclosures:

- New York State Medication Drop Box Program Statement of Agreement
- Law Enforcement Collection Guidelines