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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter concerns products containing substances known as mitragynine and/or hydroxy-mitragynine which are Schedule I controlled substances in Alabama that your business may currently possess or offer for sale. It is important to note, some of these products may not list these substances as ingredients, and the product labeling may not include all ingredients for consumers. Nevertheless, if a product contains these controlled substances, they are illegal to possess or sell in the State of Alabama, regardless of whether you have knowledge of their illegality. A couple of examples of such products that have been independently tested by an internationally accredited laboratory and found to contain these substances are "Boujee Bliss," "Better Weather," and "Happy Hour." These and any similar products that contain these substances are illegal in the State of Alabama as they are controlled substances under Ala. Code § 20-2-23 (1975) and cannot be possessed, sold, or offered for sale in this state. Moreover, the marketing, distribution, and sale of these items also violates one or more provisions of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Ala. Code § 8-19-1 (1975), *et seq.*

This letter is a demand for you to ***CEASE AND DESIST*** from possessing or selling these products. You must **immediately** remove and/or destroy all products that are illegal under Alabama law upon receipt of this letter. Failure to do so may result in potential legal action including, but not limited to, seizure and forfeiture of any contraband, property, proceeds and assets connected with the possession, sale, or transportation of the controlled substance pursuant to Ala. Code § 20-2-93 (1975) and prosecution for any applicable felony offenses under Alabama law or violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The laws of this state will be enforced, and we will not allow these dangerous products in our communities. We will be working together with local district attorneys and law enforcement agencies to take the necessary steps to protect our fellow citizens and expel these illegal products from our state. Should you have any questions, please send your email to *CeaseAndDesist@AlabamaAG.gov*.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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