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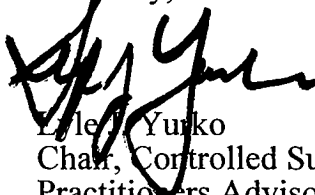
Dear Commissioner Murphy:

The PAG believes it is essential that the Commission have as much information as possible when it acts on the controlled substance amendments currently pending and those which may be presented in the future.

We have found that the enclosed publication presents extraordinarily accurate pharmacological information about the most widely used and abused substances in America. Published in 1998 by three PHD's at the Duke Medical Center, this book has no agenda other than providing accurate and current information about substances.

The PAG felt that each Commissioner should have a reference copy of this treatise. Eight copies are enclosed. Please have the staff distribute a copy to each Commissioner and retain the final copy for staff reference. The PAG appreciates the effort the Commission makes to listen to our views on the guidelines and we look forward to having input in the upcoming amendment process.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Controlled Substance Subcommittee
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