

President of the United States of America

President Barack H. Obama

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. N.W

Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Commutation of Sentence request for Charles Edward (Eddy) Lepp.

Inmate Number 90157-011

Charged With: Violating 21 U.S.C. 846, Conspiracy to Manufacture and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and 21 U.S.C. 841 (a) (1), Manufacture and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

Federal case number: CR0400317MHP

Northern District Of California , San Francisco Division

Dear President Obama:

In regard to the matter above, and from a very concerned citizen of this country, I am writing to you to request that you intervene in the federal sentencing of the Rev. Charles Edward "Eddy" Lepp of the Multi Denominational Ministry of Cannabis & Rastafari. Eddy was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison on May 18, 2009. for growing more than 1,000 marijuana plants. Eddy Lepp had notified the state of California , the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Board of Supervisors of Lake County, the Lake County District Attorney, and the local sheriff -- all by certified mail -- that he was growing the sacred herb for medicinal and spiritual use by the members of his ministry.

Reverend Lepp was denied a religious defense even after the judge ruled he met all the standards necessary to allow this. Reverend Lepp protected all members of his church, and was the only one charged, and was forbidden from entering any sort of real defense to the charges, since federal courts do not allow testimony regarding California s medical use law.

After four years of litigation, his trial was reduced to two very short days of testimony due to restrictions placed by Judge Marilyn Hall Patel. The whole trial was over in less than one week.

To know that this gentle man is going to prison for a decade at age 57 makes me physically ill. This religious man who bravely helped so many sick and dying and sense-threatened Californians find relief through the medicine grown on his land is going to spend more time in prison than the average rapist, man slaughterer, and child molester because our country has not yet overcome its prudish impulse to punish people for moral reasons.

President Obama, you are the only one that can commute his sentence. With the stroke of a pen, you can see that Rev. Charles Edward Lepp receives no more punishment for being convicted of growing plants for sick and dying people than Scooter Libby received for felony convictions of obstruction of justice, perjury (twice), and providing false statements to federal investigators. Eddy Lepp's felony conviction will still stand, but we will save the taxpayers the unnecessary burden of feeding, clothing, and housing a sick man who is no threat to society.

Please Mr. President, you could do the truly just thing for Reverend Lepp, removing all prison punishment and the felony convictions that loom over the head of this middle-aged Rastafarian minister who grew medical marijuana and now is being punished according to strict adherence to the rule of law.

President Obama, the California Medical Marijuana Laws are based on the 10th Amendment to the Constitution. You have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. I plead with you to have your Department of Justice officials dismiss the case and conviction of Charles Edward "Eddy" Lepp.

Even the Judge in the case was quoted at the sentencing hearing saying, "I have to say I think that amount of time is excessive. But it is not up to me to legislate, it is up to Congress."

The investigation, trial, conviction and sentencing of Charles Edward Lepp represent a miscarriage of justice. Please use your Executive powers to end the persecution!

PLEASE FREE EDDY LEPP!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
