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Representative Michael G. Strain
Louisiana House of Representatives
19607 Highway 36
Covington, LA 70433-8734

Dear Representative Strain:

Enclosed, please find a brief legal analysis of your bill HB 20.

According to the analysis, if passed into law your bill would infringe upon the development, practice, and use of legitimate nonhomeopathic botanical medicine. Further, it appears that if passed into the law, your bill would likely violate the First Amendment by criminalizing longstanding religious practices of Native Americans and others.

I have sent copies to the other members of the Louisiana Judiciary Committee in the hopes that you and the Committee members will reconsider the constitutional and medical impact of your proposed legislation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 530-750-7912.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wrye Sententia