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Friends & Relations,

I have received and reviewed, with interest, many communications from NAC NA Officers and Members regarding issues and sub-issues. I could literally write a doctoral thesis on all the thoughts and ideas that spring forward in my mind. Although, I am honored to represent NAC OK for decades, I am writing this response as a private attorney. I have not consulted with, and I am not authorized to state the opinion of NAC OK on these issues. They are simply my personal opinions. Most certainly, I join with NAC NA in their ardent desire in protecting and conserving the use and availability of the sacrament, Peyote, solely for bona fide Native American Churches.

GOOD NEWS

Peyote Secured from Texas Cannot Be Used for the Extraction of Mescaline – IT IS A CRIME

No Individual or Entity, Including Journey Colab, Can Legally Extract Mescaline From Texas Peyote. It is a Serious CRIME, even if the Peyote Is Imported from Texas and Extracted in Another State. Any Attempt to Do so Would Result in the Individuals and Principals Involved in Going to the TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY for a Long Term of IMPRISONMENT.

- I. **Texas Law** – The Texas Penal Code – Controlled Substance Act provides severe penalties for possession of Peyote.

TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 6. FOOD, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

SUBTITLE C. SUBSTANCE ABUSE REGULATION AND CRIMES

CHAPTER 481. TEXAS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

§ 481.104. Penalty Group 3

(6) Peyote, unless unharvested and growing in its natural state, meaning all parts of the plant classified botanically as Lophophora, whether growing or not, the seeds of the plant, an **extract** from a part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or **extracts**;