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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JOHN PHILIPPS

No. C 10-3721 RS

Plaintiff,

**ORDER RE PRO SE STATUS**

v.

ERIC HOLDER, et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff John Philipps, "DBA Federal Industrial Hemp of the United States" filed this action *in pro se* alleging claims for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and damages, arising from his contention that commercial cultivation of "industrial hemp" (which he defines as "male marijuana plants") is and/or should be legal. Philipps is now in the process of incorporating his business as an LLC, and seeks a determination from the Court that he will be able to continue appearing *in pro se* after doing so. To the extent that Philipps envisions that his LLC will become a plaintiff in this action either in addition to, or in lieu of, himself as an individual plaintiff, he is advised that the LLC will not be permitted to appear except through counsel. The Court expresses no opinion as to whether incorporating his business as an LLC would deprive Philipps of standing to continue pursuing any or all of his claims as an individual.

Dated: 10/28/10



RICHARD SEEBORG  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT A HARD COPY OF THIS ORDER WAS MAILED TO:**

John Philipps  
2337 Ransom Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

DATED: 10/28/10

/s/ Chambers Staff  
Chambers of Judge Richard Seeborg