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To: O'Connell, Sue
Subject: Fw: House Bill 161

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From: liz
To: mirandakeaster@mt.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:32 PM
Subject: Fw: House Bill 161

To the committee members of the House Human Service Committee,

I am forwarding this email that I wrote last night to Mr Milburn because I feel that it is important for all of you to read it too. I know that there are many that feel like I do here in Montana. I voted against the medical marijuana measure but I think many that voted for it did it with a lack of understanding and good amount of compassion for those struggling with medical problems. Unfortunately that is what those behind this measure used to pass it, the compassion of others for their own greed. They have the money to show up in Helena 3 to 1 for your meetings. The rest of us don't. If something is not done this will only get worse and down the road those who trusted that this would help will be hurting while those with the money walk away.

Thank you for your time and energy working on this.

Elizabeth Walter, Kalispell

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From: liz
To: mmilburn@mcn.net
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:18 PM
Subject: House Bill 161

Hello, Mr. Milburn,

Today I read in my local newspaper, The Daily Inter Lake, about the bill you sponsored repealing the medical marijuana law. I wanted to send my remarks to the House Human Services Committee but I couldn't find an email address for them only a phone number of a staff member and secretary, which I plan to call and try to talk to too. Anyway I wanted to tell you that I am a full supporter of what you are doing. I too believe that many voters did not understand what they were voting for on this measure when it was put on the ballot. The people behind the push for this are using the very very few that might benefit medical wise for their own greed. Money is only reason for the legalization of marijuana. In the article it stated that Ken Lindeman challenged presumptions that most Montanans favor repeal of the law. "How come every time there's a committee hearing, we outnumber them three to one?" he said. I can say that when money is involved many show up very quickly in large numbers in any situation. For example, if in a community water rates or taxes are raised and people are told about it they will show real quick and fight for their money. If property taxes go up people will show up at meetings, if you have a meeting at work to cut paychecks and hours guess how many will show up compared to how many show up at a regular monthly meeting. Who are the ones losing money at these committee meetings? The caregivers? The doctors? That is why there is three to one. The medical marijuana law needs to be stopped. Marijuana creates more problems than it solves and it will show up sooner than we realize. Thanks for all you do.

Elizabeth Walter
Kalispell