

To: Senators and Representatives of the 2011 Legislature

I am greatly saddened by your actions regarding the Medical Marijuana Act. The people of the great state of Montana voted to allow the usage of medical marijuana. Instead of contacting the folks that had written the original legislation, someone in their infinite wisdom just opened the gates and let the cows out so to speak!

Now, instead of calling in the medical marijuana growers and caregivers and asking them to help set up guidelines, you are choosing to repeal the entire law. You have heard hundreds of people testify before you about the good that medical marijuana has done in treatment of their illnesses. I have heard some of this testimony on T.V. and I am moved by their testimony. I grew up in the 1960's and attended college when drugs were rampant. Due to my choice of profession, I did not experiment with drugs.

I currently find myself in a medical situation that I have compressed discs in my back, circulation problems, and 24 years of Rheumatoid Arthritis. I have tried the medical avenue in dealing with doctors, insurances, and hospitals. I ended up in intensive care when a doctor prescribed too much morphine. I have taken their prescribed pain pills only to awake with a medical hangover from the pain pills. Gee, that's doing things the legal way! I currently use medical marijuana to allow my muscles to relax. This finally allows me to be able to get some sleep without adding another pill. Thank God!

The folks involved in the Medical Marijuana Growing and Care-giving Business have invested a lot of time and money in starting what they thought was a business encouraged by the state and people of Montana. Now, our Senators and Representatives are playing God! The medical marijuana caregivers are asking for guidelines to follow. Bring in committees of those caregivers and

have them help to set up the guidelines and regulations for their profession. Every other profession in Montana has had the opportunity to "police" their own group. Give the Medical Marijuana Caregivers and Growers the same consideration. They will write the guidelines that you are not qualified to write.

The people of Montana felt that Medical Marijuana was worth voting into law. Hopefully you will consider their thoughts and actions before you repeal the Medical Marijuana Act. If not, the folks that voted for Medical Marijuana may be the same people who are voting you out of office during the next election.

I am writing this letter and submitting it via my caregiver. I am unable to travel due to my health issues. I would hope that you would use good sense and the caregivers to set up regulations for the use of medical marijuana.

Sincerely,

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