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With all due respect, SB 154 is a joke.

This bill does nothing to help the problems that medical marijuana is causing in our schools, for law enforcement, and our communities as a whole. This is not a solution.

Montana has some of the highest marks against it for alcoholism, DUI's and DUI deaths, meth, tobacco smokers, suicides, and teen pregnancies in the nation. Now add medical marijuana to the list. As a fourth generation Montanan I'm not proud of raising a 5<sup>th</sup> generation in those statistics.

We do not need a law to tax medical marijuana. We need the medical marijuana law repealed (HB161). Or at the very least the whole system much more tightly controlled and regulated (HB68). By Taxing medical marijuana you further legitimize it's use to our kids. You create a revenue stream that government will become dependent on. It is just one step closer to complete legalization of it's use. This is MOST DEFINITELY NOT WHAT THE VOTERS WANTED WHEN initiative 148 was passed.

AGAIN, TAXING THIS IS NOT A SOLUTION!

Respectfully,

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