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HB 161

(S) Jud Committee
Re: HB 61

March 11, 2011

Good ~~Afternoon~~^{Morning} Mister chairman and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Mike Fellows and I'm chairman of the Montana Libertarian Party, We rise in opposition to HB 161. Libertarians believe that individuals should be free to make their own choices, provided they don't infringe on the equal rights of others to do the same. Individuals also bear personal responsibility for own mistakes. Montana voters supported I-148 by wide margins and I think that those who read the initiative know that I-148 had to evolve over time as both government and citizens worked on the boundaries of this legislation. Now if we can just get our congressional delegation to read their legislation. We know that this war on personal freedom (Drugs) isn't working. This country spends billions to stop the war and the results are dismal. People are waking up. I should be buying shares in the black market because that^{what} this bill will do, increase the black market. Individuals will still get their Medical cannabis. And as we have seen in Missoula, Juries are saying no to putting individuals in jail for small amounts of cannabis. If Montana political parties believe in this notion of Individual liberty and personal freedom then we should stop HB 161. I would urge a do-not pass on HB 161 and protect those choices of people in pain to make doctor supported recommendations in their medical treatment. Thank You for your time.