

EXHIBIT 49
DATE 3/11/11
NO. H.B. 161

GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MY NAME IS IRENE TETRAULT. I AM 48 YEARS OLD.

MY 1ST BACK INJURY HAPPENED WHEN I WAS THREE AND I BEGAN SEEING A CHIROPRACTER THEN.

I HAVE HAD 2 WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO MY BACK AND I HAVE BEEN IN 4 MAJOR CAR ACCIDENTS, THE WORST BEING IN '97 WHEN I SUSTAINED A BURST VERTEBRAE REQUIRING BONE HARVESTING FOR GRAFTING AND SPINAL RECONSTRUCTION.

THE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS LIKE PERCOCET AND DEMEROL CAUSE ME NAUSEA AND CONSTIPATION. THEY LEAVE ME FEELING "HUNG OVER" THE NEXT DAY, AND THEY TAKE AWAY MY APPETITE.

I LIKE MY JOB. I WORK WITH GREAT CUSTOMERS, BUT WHEN I TAKE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, I CAN'T THINK CLEARLY OR EVEN MAKE CORRECT CHANGE.

ARTHRITIS MAKES MY BONES ACHE. WHEN I USE MEDICAL CANNIBIS, THE CONNECTING MUSCLES RELAX SO THE TYLENOL CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY THAT I SHOULD APPLY FOR SSDI. I KNOW THAT ONCE YOU RECEIVE THAT "HELP", THE GOVERNMENT WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU CAN OR CANNOT DO. I PREFER TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS AND STAY A FUNCTIONING, PRODUCTIVE MONTANA CITIZEN!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

