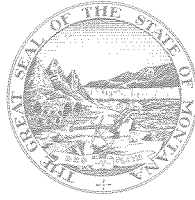


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November 22, 2011

Interested Parties

Re: Constitutional Initiative to Secure the Rights of Adults Regarding Marijuana

To Whom It May Concern:

We have received a proposed constitutional initiative to secure the rights of adults regarding marijuana. We are requesting your comments on the ballot statements that will appear on the petition and the official ballot for this initiative.

Ballot statements include a 100-word statement of purpose summarizing the initiative; two 25-word "FOR" and "AGAINST" statements of implication of a vote; and if the initiative has a fiscal impact on state government, a 50-word fiscal statement summarizing a fiscal note prepared by the Office of Budget and Policy Planning. There is no fiscal statement for this initiative.

Under Montana law, ballot statements must express "the true and impartial explanation of the proposed ballot issue in plain, easily understood language and may not be arguments or written so as to create prejudice for or against the measure." For this petition, the proponent prepared statements of purpose and implication. The Attorney General's Office has made changes to the language of the ballot statements as follows.

**Statement of Purpose**

CI\_\_\_ amends Article II, section 14, of the Montana Constitution to establish that "adults have the right to responsibly purchase, consume, produce, and possess marijuana, subject to reasonable limitations, regulations, and taxation. Except for actions that endanger minors, children, or public safety, no criminal offense or penalty of this state shall apply to such activities." Federal criminal laws regarding marijuana will not be changed by the passage of this initiative. This initiative, if passed by the electorate, will become effective on July 1, 2013.

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**Statement of Implication**

FOR amending Article II, Section 14 of the Montana Constitution to establish a right for adults to marijuana subject to reasonable state law limitations.

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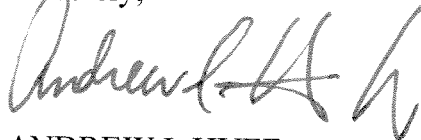
AGAINST amending Article II, Section 14 of the Montana Constitution to establish a right for adults to marijuana subject to reasonable state law limitations.

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I have enclosed a copy of the proposed constitutional initiative, which also includes the sponsor's suggested statements of purpose and implication. If you or your organization has comments on the ballot statements as they appear above, they will be given careful consideration before the final statements are adopted. Because we are operating under time restrictions imposed by statute, your comments ***must be received no later than Friday, December 9, 2011***. You may e-mail comments to [ahuff@mt.gov](mailto:ahuff@mt.gov). Please also copy [kstelling@mt.gov](mailto:kstelling@mt.gov).

Please feel free to forward a copy of this letter and enclosures to any other person who may be interested in the initiative. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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