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January 22, 2021

Dear Senator Grow,

The Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition voted in support of Senate Joint Resolution No. 101.

The coalition was initiated by the executive order of Mayor Tammy de Weerd in 2004. For the last 17 years, coalition members have continued to follow the Mayor's lead working relentlessly to strengthen the community through substance abuse prevention. In a single year, we have reached more than 21,000 community members at 72 events/trainings. Unwavering support at the local, regional and state level has enabled the coalition to flourish, expand and build strong partnerships however, our work has become more and more challenging.

As normalization of illicit drugs has increased due to unsound changes in drug related policy, the perception of harm has gone down and use has increased, especially among youth. As a grassroots organization we constantly hear from parents, frustrated that their voice is being overpowered by multimillion-dollar campaigns as they try to teach their children about the harms of illicit drugs. When we are in the classroom we are challenged by youth repeatedly asking why drugs such as marijuana are becoming legal if they are so harmful. We wish elected officials voting on policy change could look these inquisitive children in the eye and answer their tough questions. In Oregon, Washington and Montana (states where marijuana is no longer illegal) 29-32% of collage age youth 18-25 reported using marijuana in the past 30 days compared to 18% in Idaho (2018-2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health). The evidence showing the harmful long-term effects of drug use on the developing brain continues to grow. There are many ways these changes in brain chemistry present themselves, but it is especially heart breaking to see the increased rates of depression, anxiety, psychosis and suicide among our youth.

As the MADC continues to tackle the mounting challenges of prevention, we are grateful for the efforts of those supporting this legislation working to safeguard the health and safety of Idaho's people, through the preservation of Idaho's current statutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kendall Nagy'.

Kendall Nagy | MADC Director

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Our Mission: to strengthen our community through substance abuse prevention.

Our Vision: to build Meridian into a drug free community where people can safely live, work and raise a family.



## Code 3 to 1 Retired Law Enforcement Officers of Idaho

The Retired Law Enforcement Officers of Idaho (Code 3 to 1) fully supports the proposal of an amendment to Article III, of the constitution of the state of Idaho by the addition of a new section 30, article III, of the constitution of the state of Idaho relating to the production, manufacture, transportation, sale, delivery, dispensing, distribution, possession, or use of psychoactive drugs in the state of Idaho.

Code 3 to 1 is a group that represents retired law enforcement officers living in Idaho. Our members consist of retired Chiefs, Homicide Investigators, Sexual Assault Investigators, Narcotics Detectives and uniformed officers. Our members worked not only in Idaho, but in states like California, Oregon, Washington, and New Jersey. Our members came to Idaho due to its strict rule of law that has made Idaho such a great place to live.

This is the same reason we see so many other people from these states coming to Idaho. We know what legalized drugs can do to a state. Many Idahoans profess their disdain for California on a regular basis. This disdain is felt by the people that have fled California due to the lax drug laws that have made it a haven for drug abusers.

When California relaxed their drug laws, Code 3 to 1 members saw first hand as our communities experienced increased drug use, higher violent crime and an influx of out of staters looking to get high without penalty. We saw California's homeless rate sky rocket as new arrivals flooded into our community and fueled the drug markets.

Idaho can fall to drug abuse like Oregon and Washington did. No state that has relaxed their drug laws has flourished. In fact, people fled those states in search of a crime free community. Many came to Idaho.

It is the legislatures duty to protect Idaho. To do that, they must cut off out of state funds that will flow here to fund legalized drugs. It will destroy the last great state in this Union. The best way to accomplish this is through this constitutional amendment.

Keith Graves  
President, Code 3 to 1

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**To:** Senator C. Scott Grow  
**From:** Brian Whitlock / President & CEO   
**Date:** January 18, 2021  
**Re:** Constitutional Amendment Regarding Psychoactive Drugs

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### **Idaho Hospital Association Statement of Support**

Thank you, Senator, for sharing your draft joint resolution language with us. After reviewing the language and discussing the intent of the legislation and subsequent question to be put to the voters, the IHA Board of Directors has unanimously approved the following statement of support:

*“Every day, our hospitals serve and meet the medical needs of Idahoans across the state. These people are our family members, friends, colleagues, and our neighbors. As medical providers, we have a deep interest in the health and well-being of all Idahoans. We have seen firsthand the destructive nature of illicit drug use on individuals, families, and communities across the country. As a result, the IHA Board of Directors supports the proposed Constitutional Amendment that solidifies Idaho’s ban on the production, distribution and use of illegal substances.”*

End.



January 18, 2021

Senator C. Scott Grow  
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Sent via email to: [sgrow@idaho.senate.gov](mailto:sgrow@idaho.senate.gov)

Dear Senator Grow:

The Idaho Medical Association (IMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on your draft joint resolution. After analyzing the legislation and discussing the proposal with our membership, the IMA Board of Trustees has approved the following statement of support.

***"Idaho physicians' core mission is to put the health and well-being of all Idahoans first. That is why the Idaho Medical Association Board of Trustees supports the proposed state constitutional amendment to strengthen the prohibition on the production, distribution, and use of illicit substances. The current laws which make these substances illegal are rooted in the scientific evidence on addiction and both the mental and physical health of our society. Clinical research hasn't provided adequate evidence to assure lawmakers that these illegal drugs provide health benefits. IMA members have witnessed too many patients and families suffer tragedies from illegal drugs."***

Thank you again for the opportunity for IMA to engage on this important legislation we look forward to continuing to work with you and other legislators during 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susie Keller".

Susie Keller, IMA CEO

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## **Idaho Farm Bureau Federation**

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January 18, 2021

Senator Scott Grow  
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Senator Grow,

On behalf of the more than 80,500 Idaho families who are members of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, we are pleased to provide the following quote for you to use as you work to gather support for the proposed constitutional amendment which seeks to maintain a prohibition on illicit drugs in Idaho.

“The members of the Idaho Farm Bureau have long held a policy position opposing illegal drugs and drug abuse. We appreciate Senator Grow’s leadership on this issue and support his efforts to enshrine this policy into the Idaho Constitution.”

Thank you for your continued efforts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bryan Searle, President

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation



**Idaho's Law Enforcement Agencies Support SJR101  
January 22, 2021**

Idaho's Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Associations support SJR101. It is not by chance that Idaho is a great place to live and raise a family. Idaho's law enforcement communities remain steadfast in the fight to protect the health, safety and quality of life for all Idahoans.

With surrounding states legalizing drugs to the detriment of their citizens, it is important that Idaho take a stand against this alarming trend that endangers our way of life. Idaho's law enforcement associations have a unique perspective into how destructive drugs are to Idaho's communities. Therefore, we support this effort to prevent drugs from being legalized in Idaho.

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Idaho Fraternal Order of Police, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Idaho Sheriffs' Association



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Community Coalition of Idaho's (CCI) mission is to support community coalitions' efforts to prevent substance misuse in Idaho. As substance misuse prevention providers, CCI has a deep concern for the health and safety of Idaho's youth and the communities in which they live. CCI wholeheartedly supports the proposed constitutional amendment ensuring that the production, distribution, possession and use of illicit psychoactive drugs remains illegal within the state of Idaho.

Creating a legal framework to protect the health and wellbeing of Idaho's communities is of paramount importance. Research shows that availability of drugs is a huge factor in youth use. This amendment will protect Idaho's youth and their families by decreasing availability while giving youth the message that drug use is neither our norm, nor is it socially accepted within our state.

CCI supports any effort to reduce access to harmful drugs, and feels this amendment will support prevention efforts throughout the state. In states such as Washington and Oregon where recreational drug use has been legalized, youth use is nearly double that of Idaho's youth. (SAMHSA, 2018-2019). Safe and healthy environments for our most precious commodity, Idaho's children, must be preserved to offer Idaho's youth and their families every opportunity for success. CCI believes in being proactive when it comes to preventing Idaho youth from engaging in underage drinking and other illegal drug use, and we applaud Senator Grow's efforts.

David Phillips  
Executive Director  
Community Coalitions of Idaho



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**Idahoans for Healthy Kids and Communities Supports SJR101**

Idahoans for Healthy Kids and Communities (IHKC) supports Senator Grow's proposed constitutional amended SJR101. IHKC is an organization of citizens who promote and preserve a healthy safe and drug-free environment where kids and communities flourish.

IHKC has witnessed a growing acceptance of drug legalization across the country and the profound impact it is having on our culture and laws. The practical effect of this legalization movement is the commercialization and normalization of drug use in many forms. The dangers of illicit drugs to public health and safety are well documented. Recent studies have shed light particularly on the risks that drug use poses to brain development and mental health of our youth. IHKC fully supports the proposed constitutional amendment ensuring that the production, distribution, possession and use of illicit psychoactive drugs remains illegal within the state of Idaho.

IHKC supports scientific, clinical research that shows drug efficacy by being 1) FDA approved, 2) doctor prescribed and 3) pharmacy dispensed. This amendment ensures this process stays in place in order to promote and preserve a healthy, safe and drug-free environment where kids and communities flourish.

LaVerne Sessions, Chairman  
Idahoans for Healthy Kids and Communities

*Vision: A vibrant healthy state where children and communities are protected and nurtured and where Idaho's unique way of life is preserved.*