

**Twyla Melton**

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**From:** Darryl Ford <darrylford@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** Twyla Melton  
**Subject:** Joint Resolution 101

*Dear Secretary Melton,  
Please distribute a copy of this letter to each Committee member. If that is not possible, please call us and we will send it to each one, individually. Thank you*

*If the Senate State Affairs Committee is hearing Joint Resolution 101 (Sponsor: Scott Grow), please consider our comments.*

*As mainly negative results can be observed in states that have legalized some psychoactive drugs, we believe Idaho would be wise to proactively establish a prohibition on legalization of such of these drugs that are not subject to restrictions expressed in Joint Resolution 101. A few of the negative consequences of legalization are attracting criminal elements, increased experimentation among young people/students, pollution of the environment by operators of marijuana growing operations in wilderness areas, increase in overdose patients occupying hospital beds.*

*Sincerely,*

*Darryl & Sheila Ford  
208 412 3214*

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**From:** Jeff Lavey <jlavey@idahosheriffs.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 9:41 AM  
**To:** Twyla Melton

Good morning,

The page asked for my written testimony for SJR 101, see below.

Good morning Chairman and committee members. My name is Jeff Lavey and I am the executive director for the Idaho Sheriffs Association. I am here to share our support for SJR 101. Our Sheriffs have always taken a strong stance on not reducing our drug laws because our deputies see the devastation of drug use both on individuals and families under current laws. One just has to look at our neighboring states to see the unintended consequences of reducing drug laws. We also support this resolution because it let's our citizens decide what type of state they wish to live and raise a family in.

We join our LE partners with the Chiefs of Police, Prosecutors and Fraternal Order of Police in urging you to send SJR 101 to the floor with a due pass.

Thank you for your time this morning and I stand for any questions.

Jeff Lavey  
Exec. Director  
Idaho Sheriffs Association

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**From:** Bonnie Carter <bonniec186@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 7:18 PM  
**To:** Twyla Melton  
**Subject:** Support for State Affairs Joint Res. 101

Dear Committee:

Senator Grow's resolution addresses several important aspects of human life.

1. Public Health. Psychotropic drug usage account for more deaths than shootings, non drug related suicide, and infectious diseases, including the current COVID strains. My brother worked in an ER in California and can attest to the effects and overdoses due to illicit drug use. If anyone is concerned about our over crowded hospitals now, these drug cases just add fuel to the fire. We do not make heroin in this country. Heroin, fentanyl, materials for meth, and more are manufactured in China and the Middle East and makes their way to our borders, land, air and sea, via the cartels and other international criminal enterprises. Mexican drug cartels control California Medical Marijuana farms as well.
2. Law enforcement. My husband is a retired California peace officer. I worked in Jails, Prisons, Juvenile institutions and as a Sheriff dispatcher in California, where a large number of calls for service and resulting arrests involve some sort of drug/alcohol activity. These arrestees eventually make it into our corrections systems sentenced as collateral crimes committed by drug addicts, traffickers and dealers, oftentimes to our children. Did you know that juveniles arrested on drug charges in San Diego were minors trafficking drugs across the Southern border? As you are all probably aware, this nation spends a disproportionate amount on drug and alcohol treatment and prevention. And I'm sure you will agree our law enforcement and first responders have enough to do.
3. I moved here from California, and I can attest to what "legal and non-criminal" drug use does to communities. Aside from the aforementioned, homeless problems and the massive amount of trash and hazardous materials left in their wake, dependence on social services, incarcerations, and crime resulting from drug and alcohol misuse is one of the main causes of California's budget and quality of life issues. There is simply not enough money to pour into these systems to ensure the health and safety of citizens in these affected communities.

This is a quality of life issue for Idaho, the reason we moved here. We are flanked by drug States. Let Idaho be a respite from this tragic set of circumstances. Thank you for your time and attention. Please recommend a "Do Pass on this resolution.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton and Bonnie Carter  
District 21  
Meridian

Sent from my iPad

*"There are two ways to live your life. One is as if nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is a miracle."-A. Einstein*

# Idaho Building Contractors Associatio

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January 22, 2021

RE: Support for SJR101 – Psychoactive drugs

Dear Chairman Lodge and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

The Idaho Building Contractors Association (IBCA) would like to express our organization's support for SJR101 and urge you to send the proposal to the full Senate for consideration.

The IBCA is a statewide organization of new, single-family home builders and associated sub-contractor businesses. We have over 1,100 member companies that collectively employ thousands of Idaho workers. Our members, and the construction industry in general, have been fortunate to keep working during the current pandemic. We are working hard to try to meet the current housing demand in the state in an effort to level off housing prices.

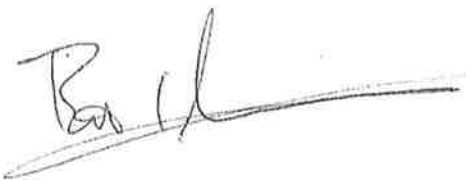
The bulk of our members maintain strict drug-free workplace policies. Our chief concern is in maintaining safe worksites for our employees and subcontractors. Our industry employs the use of heavy machinery and equipment, power tools, and challenging physical work that requires constant vigilance. Maintaining worksite safety is of primary and constant concern for us – there is no place at our worksites for employees that may be impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Another constant challenge the construction industry faces is a short supply of reliable and skilled labor. The legalization of psychoactive drugs in our neighboring states has had a negative effect on this already challenging issue, as such substances trickle across Idaho's borders. The prospect of legalization of such substances in Idaho would only exacerbate this problem.

The IBCA supports the intent of SJR101 in an effort to preserve Idaho's values and quality of life while maintaining worksite safety for our employees and quality of work for Idaho's homeowners. We respectfully urge you to support SJR101.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Idaho, God Bless you and our State of Idaho.

Sincerely,



Brett Skidmore, President  
Idaho Building Contractors Association



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Madam Chair & members of this committee, my name is Christian Welp. I represent the Catholic Diocese of Boise, which covers the state of Idaho.

I am here to ask for your support of Sen. ~~Res~~ Joint Res. 101.

In speaking with Bishop Peter Christensen in regards to this resolution he is grateful for the work that Sen. Gross ~~had~~ has put into it.

Since I have nothing new to say that has not been already said in support of this Resolution, I ask you to send Senate Joint Resolution <sup>101</sup> to the floor with a due pass recommendation.

Thank you & I stand for questions.

- Written Testimony -

January 25, 2021

Dear Madam Chairman and all distinguished State Affairs Committee Members

My name is Jeremy Kitzhaber, I am a U.S. Air Force Retired Disabled Veteran, VFW Post 63 Legislative Committee Chairman, and I have stage IV terminal cancer.

I am writing because I am NOT in favor of SJR 101 because it puts Idahoans health at risk. SJR 101 will forever force people with serious medical conditions to either live in pain and take opioids or risk criminal prosecution and go across state lines to obtain medical cannabis so they can forgo the risk of serious medical issues or even death from their current opioid regimens.

I write this for all Idahoans with serious conditions who need practitioners to make these decisions. The Idaho Senate, although made up of 35 distinguished professionals, must remember that no Senator is a current or former practitioner or medical expert.

SJR 101 would require FDA approval for medical cannabis which will not happen. To date, the FDA has not approved a marketing application for cannabis for the treatment of any disease or condition.

No other state in the Union requires FDA approval for medical cannabis, including many conservative states. 36 States currently allow medical cannabis to be prescribed and dispensed. Furthermore, if SJR 101 passes as written, when the Federal Government legalizes medical cannabis, SJR 101 will make Idaho the only illegal medical cannabis state in the Nation. With Federal passage, medical cannabis would be legal through every VA hospital except Idaho's VA hospital. This would make Idaho veterans the only veterans in the nation unable to be prescribed medical cannabis.

This resolution forever denies an additional medical treatment option. We must not become the state, where this Senate makes such a detrimental decision for our seriously ill and suffering population.

Nearly 80% of Idahoans support medical cannabis for the seriously ill. SJR 101 does not mirror what Idaho constituents want. I have spent over two years drafting legislation where medical cannabis can be prescribed for suffering Idahoans with little to no risk for abuse. I would like the opportunity to show the Idaho legislature my bill and prove we can have a limited and well-regulated medical cannabis program that helps the seriously ill while still protecting the rest of Idaho from risk, all without FDA approval.

After the military, I worked in the medical field and was a Health Inspector at Central District Health until I became unable to work. I have undergone two "Mother of all Surgeries", 20 Round of Chemotherapy, and almost 60 rounds of Cancer Inhibitor drugs. I have a massive amount of scar tissue and adhesions and my tumors continue to grow and crush my organs. Because of that, I am on three different opioids and must also carry Narcan because of life-threatening conditions. My specialists have told me they would prescribed medical cannabis, but they cannot because I live in Idaho.

My cancer is so rare that no pharmaceutical company will ever try to get FDA approval for treating me with medical cannabis, and I am not alone. There are many medical conditions where pharmaceutical companies will never spend the amount of money to get medical cannabis approved through the FDA because they will not directly profit from it.

Thank you and I encourage you to not support SJR 101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Kitzhaber", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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