

To:	Chair Karl Rhoads, House Judiciary Committee Members of the House Judiciary Committee
From:	<your name here>
RE:	Opposition to HB1829
Hearing Info:	Friday, February 12th, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. State Capitol, Rm. 325

I stand in opposition to HB1829 not only because it is a danger to the health and safety of my family, but also because it represents and abuse of public trust and the legislative process.

When you steamrolled legislation enabling medical marijuana dispensaries last year, you promised us that there were ample safeguards that would ensure that medical marijuana (“medijuana”) would:

- not find its way onto the streets,
- not be sold as recreational marijuana,
- not find its way into the hands of minors, and
- not be controlled by wealthy, out-of-state opportunists.

Yet here we are discussing HB1829, where this committee now wants to weaken or repeal the very safeguards that were supposed to assure the public of their safety. This bait and switch is a horrible breach of public trust.

The lack of transparency in this bill is especially shameful. Referencing specific statutes does nothing to duly and appropriately inform the public about the ramifications of HB1829. I used time that I could have spent with my family to break through the smoke and mirrors of this bill, only to find that:

- Section 2 reduces the penalty for medijuana fraud from a class B felony to a petty misdemeanor,
- Section 3 reduces the penalty for giving medijuana to a minor from a class C felony to a petty misdemeanor,
- Section 4 removes the criminal offense for unauthorized entry into a retail dispensing location,
- Section 5 removes the criminal offense for unauthorized entry into a production center, and

- Section 6 removes the penalties for the unauthorized diversion (theft) from a dispensary or production center.

Chair Rhoads, HB1829 is a travesty. It is a threat to the health and safety of my family. It embodies all of the worst qualities of this lawmaking body. Between the smoke and mirrors, the lack of transparency, the bait-and-switch, and the betrayal of public trust, it is clear that this committee and this body is trying to hide their intentions.

I oppose HB1829, and all of the sinister intentions it represents. Please kill this bill.