

As the medical cannabis community's dedicated patient representative, I've attended most of these regulatory meetings to try and summons the help needed to fix the incredibly alarming situation we face regarding the safety of the cannabis being produced in Nevada. I'm sad to report patients haven't been granted the help we've needed because Nevada's legislators are playing favor exclusively to business related efforts which means consumer safety has gone purposely ignored. Patients are livid after all these years because we STILL cannot consume what is being commercially manufactured, and we're upset that as the state grows fat from cannabis tax money, our basic needs are going completely denied. It's all part of the public record through the Independent Laboratory Advisory Committee meetings how the public is being sold tainted products and synthetic cannabinoids in order to meet a growing corporate agenda and NO ONE is stepping up to do anything about it. Medical cannabis patients demand an accounting of product safety which is why I've come before the Legislative Commission many times to consistently deliver the same message I bring you now.

Nevada owes its cannabis consumers factual assurances regarding both product and environmental safety!

So far, these things have NOT been properly addressed and patients want to see the state allocate funding for much needed toxicology testing to research the pesticides, and better understand cannabis plant pathology in order to insure Nevada's cultivators and producers follow sustainable, healthful methodologies. And it absolutely must not go unmentioned that the entire cannabis industry suffers from serious lab testing issues surrounding pesticides, accidental synthesis, and the monetary pressure to keep the truth hidden when it means affecting current profit margins. This is why medical patients remain desperately in need of legislative protection and yet we're NOT being helped. Instead, we are systematically being locked out!

Furthermore, I take great offense to how this meeting is being conducted exclusively in Carson City, and open to the public only via a telephone call-in number. Let me commend you on doing a superb job of blocking out your constituents' participation and you should know it doesn't go unnoticed. It certainly won't go unmentioned by me because this is the kind of treatment your medical cannabis patients have faced all along. We want it put onto public record every chance we get, that we have been begging for help because some type of assistance should be forth coming from our regulators, but it has not. Patients were systematically tossed-aside and have gone completely ignored.

We want it noted all over public record that our Legislative Commission and the Council Bureau have consistently heard the truthful warnings and heartfelt pleas from our vulnerable medical patients about the very serious issues we've faced over the years. You've certainly heard the concerns regarding our most serious testing issues at every regulatory public comment I could physically make it to, and you've all received many emails from me throughout the regulatory process so our needs are NOT an unknown surprise. But for all intents and purposes, the regulators in the great state of Nevada have chosen to turn a blind eye to the truth so a few rich men could go about their business without question. Apparently, that suits this council just fine but your medical cannabis patients find the silent apathy dubious, unethical, morally wrong, and some of you ought to be ashamed of yourselves for NOT doing your job in looking out for Nevadans.