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Dear Members of the Colorado General Assembly,

The Colorado Drug Investigator's Association (CDIA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization for law enforcement officers who investigate cases of illicit drug manufacturing, distribution, and use. There are over 500 members in our association representing federal, state, and local law enforcement across the State of Colorado.

Our association strongly supports passing HB 11-1250 "Concerning a Prohibition on Ingestible Medical Marijuana-Infused Products" as introduced by Representative Acree. We believe this legislation is consistent with the intent of Amendment 20 and the subsequent laws concerning the "Medical Use of Marijuana." We also believe this legislation promotes health and safety for the citizens of Colorado with an emphasis on our children.

Marijuana food and beverage products are being manufactured and sold through Colorado's newly created marijuana industry. These items are widely advertised in publications and on the Internet often times viewed by children. These items are similar in appearance to common desert items, breakfast cereals, soda pop, and candy.



We believe these products and their marketing imply that they are safe, fun, and made for kids. These items have been discovered in Colorado schools but are difficult to detect because they are easily camouflaged as legitimate food and beverage items. We respectfully urge a "yes" vote from each member of the Colorado General Assembly to pass HB 11-1250 as introduced by Representative Acree.

The following is a synopsis of some actual incidents involving marijuana infused edibles and children in Colorado:

Date: 05/07/2009

Westminster Police Department 2009-6937

Crime: Child Neglect

Location: 8085 Clay St

Summary: An 11-year-old boy took marijuana infused lollypops to Harris Park Elementary School in Westminster. The child took the items from his father who was a medical marijuana patient and had allowed his kids to have access to various marijuana items in his home.

Date: 11/25/2009

Denver Police Department 2009-671769

Crime: Child Neglect

Location: 8555 E. Fairmount

Summary: It is believed that a 4-year-old boy found and ate marijuana edibles at the home of his grandmother. He presented at Children's Hospital with lethargy and vomiting, testing positive for marijuana in his urine. The victim's grandmother is licensed to use medical marijuana.

Date: 12/05/2009

Denver Police Department 2009-688180

Crime: Child Abuse

Location: 4640 S. Utica Street

Summary: A 3-year-old boy ate marijuana edibles (there is a licensed family member in the household) and suffered an adverse reaction and was hospitalized.

Date: 02/28/2010

Commerce City Police Department 2010-1605

Crime: Child Abuse

Location: 5400 E. 67th Ave

Summary: 10-month-old twins were hospitalized after eating "trail-mix" infused with marijuana. The parents had paperwork indicating they were medical marijuana patients.

Date: 03/12/2010

Westminster Police Department 2010-4144

Crime: Distribution of Marijuana on School Property

Location: 1200 W. 100th Ave (Wayne Carle Middle School)

Summary: A 14-year-old student was on school grounds in possession of the following marijuana infused products: 2 packages of "Gaea's Harvest Magic Wand" (Pretzels); 2 packages of "THC-No Bake Cookies"; 1 Package of "Gaea's Harvest Peanut Butter Crackers"; and 1 package of "Auntie Em's Triple Baked Goods."

Date: 12/06/2010

Pueblo Police Department 2010-23646

Crime: Distribution of Marijuana on School Property

Location: 315 W. 11th St (Risley Middle School)

Summary: A student was found in possession of a marijuana infused lollypop on school grounds. He said he purchased the item from an unknown male (a non-student) near school grounds. On January 17, 2011, the same male was reported near the school again but has not yet been identified or arrested.

Date: 01/12/2011

Denver Police Department 2011-017959

Crime: Distribution of Marijuana on School Property

Location: 1700 E Louisiana Avenue (South High School)

Summary: South High School female juvenile student reported sick to the school nurse and reported that she was given a marijuana laced candy called a Cheeba Chew which a male juvenile student gave her. The victim student was transported via ambulance to the hospital. The male juvenile student identified a male adult student who had a medical marijuana license who bought items for other students (non-patients). This student was contacted and his vehicle searched by school security. It was found that he had marijuana and alcohol in his car which was parked on school property. Three male students involved in the incident were expelled. The victim student was briefly hospitalized.

Date: 01/18/2011

Denver Police Department 2011-028300

Crime: Distribution of Marijuana on School Property

Location: 1600 City Park Esplanade (East High School/Denver)

Summary: East High School male juvenile student was given a marijuana laced cookie by an male adult student while at school. The student had a adverse reaction and was "tripping out". Student victim was transported by parent to a pediatrician. Adult student who provided the cookie stated he got it from another student over the holiday break, but would not identify that student.

Date: 01/26/2011

Pueblo Police Department 2011-1734

Crime: Distribution of Marijuana on School Property

Location: 315 W. 11th Street (East High School/Pueblo)

Summary: A student was in possession of: six marijuana infused lollypops, and one marijuana infused cookie. A search warrant was conducted at the home where additional marijuana infused cookies and lollypops were found.