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Via Electronic Mail

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To: House Committee on Judiciary; Representatives Noble; Post; Doherty; Senator: Thatcher

Re: [HB 2514] "...Prohibits law enforcement agency from searching and seizing contents without warrant or consent."

Is Representative Margaret Doherty also known as, "The Patron Saint of the Criminal Element?"

When someone puts their residential garbage receptacle out on the public street they place all contents contained in the residential garbage receptacle, into the "public domain."

Do the supporters of [HB 2514] want to clog the courts and the Police agencies with obtaining a warrant to search someone's residential garbage? What about searching "commercial garbage receptacles?" Is it permitted for law enforcement agencies to "dumpster-dive" to seize evidence to be used against criminals?

What happens when a "civilian" (who is not an agent of law enforcement) searches a residential garbage receptacle and finds evidence of a crime(s) such as; a bloodied knife with a human heart attached to it or a smoking gun and turns it over to the law enforcement agencies. There is "No warrant" requirement prohibiting this search and seizure.

What is the justification of [HB2514]?

Is [HB2514] related to [HB2932], [SB854], [SB855] and [SB 856]?

Is [HB2514] designed to thwart Police, ICE, FBI, IRS should any of them find a list of "Illegal Aliens" with their addresses in a residential garbage receptacle?

What if the residential garbage receptacle stays on the public street and is not picked-up for fifty (50) years. Do the law enforcement agencies still have to obtain a warrant to "search and seize" the residential garbage receptacle?

[HB 2514] must be characterized as one of the dumbest pieces of legislative crap ever conceived. It is not even worth "composting" but, perhaps some good could be squeezed out of this abomination. Rep. Doherty could "burn" [HB 2514] under the doctrine of [SB 451] and be qualified for a "Renewable Energy Certificate (REC)." Maybe this was the intent of all along.

I OPPOSE [HB 2514].

Respectfully submitted,
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