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LD 365

Hello,

My name is Michael and I am an owner and operator of a business in the Maine medical cannabis industry for several years. I want to provide written testimony in regard to LD 365.

First off, I am very grateful to be a part of the Maine medical cannabis program. It has provided me a career and the ability to support my wife and young daughter.

I fully believe that involvement and participation in the program is a privilege, and not a right. I think there absolutely should be punishments (fines, revocation of license, and perhaps legal action) for anyone willfully breaking the rules and regulation in the program. The severity of the sanctions should be in correlation to the severity of the offence and should increase if further violations occur.

I'm sure many violations will be straight-forward and easy to have a clear sanction associated with it. However, one suggestion I have is to create a board that hears both sides and votes on the decision. Maybe it's an appeals board for someone who does not agree with the punishment? I would suggest the board include stakeholders in both adult use, medical, legislation, someone from OCP, and perhaps (retired lol) law enforcement, ordinary citizens, etc.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Very Truly Yours,  
Michael