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To add to my previously submitted testimony to answer question that were on the floor:
My husband and I own a very small Adult Use Cannabis store in Southwest Harbor. We have 3 employees and are less than 200 square feet. We did not have access to a bank at the very beginning when we opened our doors. To pay all of our bills, we used cash or money orders. Money Orders have limits, so sometimes we had to purchase multiple – from the Post Office and grocery stores.

The State of Maine and the Federal Government have no problem taking money from the cannabis industry. We pay ALL of our federal and state taxes on time.

Not having available access to all counties in Maine to bank is a very real very difficult hardship within this industry.

Thank you.