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As a citizen of Maine, I am appalled by the proposed changes to the medical cannabis program put forth by Representative Walter Riseman. This bill will rob patients of the vital medication that is so often their only source of relief, be it sprays, oils, or concentrates. Furthermore, this bill will compromise patient privacy, delay treatment, and remove the authority of medical providers to make decisions on what conditions can be treated with medical cannabis.

This proposed legislation is an affront to our freedom, one that our native ancestors proudly fought for. We have been granted the right to pursue our health and wellbeing and no one should have to go without medication they require due to oppressive government bureaucracy. We cannot allow this bill to pass- it must be rejected outright as it goes against the very notion of freedom and dignity.