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LD 94

Senator Craig Hickman, Laura Supica, and other distinguished members of the joint committee of Veterans and Legal Affairs, I am submitting Testimony today against LD94

My name is Roxy Kai and I am the Media Manager of West Paris Provisions, in West Paris, Maine. I'm Testifying for myself and a good friend of mine.

LD94 is a bill where someone clearly wants to play Puppet Master with peoples lives. Does the writer of this bill have a medical degree? Did they spend time with doctors and patients? and did they do substantiated evidence based research before dropping language on a medical cannabis bill late the night before a public hearing? Was that intentional? I mean, Representative Riseman, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. This bill is hopefully an easy block, but it blows my mind that it was even put out here the way it was.

I work with a good friend of mine, He is an amazing individual who was born with no arms, or legs, and a portion of his jaw and he uses Medical Cannabis for other reasons - not physical reasons, surprise. He gave me permission to share with you his physical condition because when you stand him and I next to each other, can you guess who qualifies for medical cannabis and who doesn't? The answer is I qualify, but in the language of this proposed bill, Josh does not.

So who are we to play GOD? To look at someone and decide that their medical condition doesn't qualify. Do you live with that person and see how they function on a day to day? Do you have a medical degree? Have you ever even smoked or consumed cannabis? Do you have a chronic condition that you need to treat? Ask yourself these questions. And look at me and my friend Josh, who are both currently medical cannabis patients. How dare you try to step into that confidential and sacred space between the doctor and the patient and pick and choose who does and does not qualify by placing strict and minimal qualification perimeters.

Don't play God, and let the space between a medical provider and patient stay sacred, Protect the Maine Medical Cannabis Program vote ought not to pass on LD94
Thank you.