Virginia Milton Gardiner LD 94

I strongly oppose LD94. It is not in the best intrest of Maine citizens who rely on cannabis as medication.

Many Maine patients use concentrates for essential high dose treatments. For many patients concentrates are essential to a successful treatment plan.

The system of a medical provider issuing certification cards works well and protects patient privacy. The government should not have a list of cannabis patients. As they should not have a list of what medications any Maine residents use.

Medical providers can decide if the potential benefits of medical cannabis use outweigh the potential risks for any patient condition. The proposed language would prevent the use of cannabis for common conditions like insomnia, generalized anxiety, end of life symptoms, rare neurological conditions and many other conditions for which it is successfully used by patients who count on it.

Physician Assistants (as well as naturopathic physicains) are qualified to determine if treatment with medical cannabis is indicated.

LD94 is not good for Maine patients.