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I am a cannabis extractor in southern Maine. I have personally seen the benefits of high the concentrates in our community. Many patients require higher concentrations of the to properly medicate. I believe that it is essential to our medical community that patients have full access to the medicine that helps them. I have worked in the industry for many years now and I have learned that like most things, everyone is different. So taking away a persons preferred medicine is taking away their right to treat their condition. I believe it is unfair and almost criminal to take away a patients right to choose their form of medication.

I also believe that all current certification programs have been set up to ensure the security of patients. I do not believe that the government should control of certification and hold a list of patients. The current system allows for easy access and a safe transfer of information. The proposed language would prevent the use of cannabis for common conditions like insomnia, generalized anxiety, end of life symptoms, rare neurological conditions and much more. This Bill will cause thousands of patients to have to choose between breaking the law and risking legal consequences for a victimless crime or going without their medical treatment.

As a community we have worked hard to make sure that we host one of the best medical programs in the country. Allowing this bill to pass will ruin that reputation. Thank you for your time.