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As a medical marijuana patient since 2014 I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL. I have numerous medical issues and have used THC in liquid and topical forms to relieve a number of ailments I've suffered with for many years. I enjoy a private relationship with my medical provider and my personal caregiver that shopping through recreational channels does not support - the stores have young people working in them that don't understand a medical patient's needs or dosages, and the stores support a very different clientele that an older medical patient (and there are many of us in Maine) cannot relate to. I've worked with my caregiver for many years, they know me personally. The system of the medical provider issuing certification cards works well and protects my privacy – the government should not have a list of cannabis patients just as much as the government should have no knowledge of any of my other health issues - a person's health should not be regulated. Medical providers can decide if the benefits of medical cannabis use outweigh potential risks for patient ailments - a 20 something person with no medical experience in a recreational cannabis store cannot and should not be selling to the medical community. Physician Assistants and naturapaths are qualified to determine if treatment with medical cannabis is indicated - all medical patients in Maine benefit from having qualified people help with dosing and selection of cannabis products to treat the many ailments that can be helped by the use of cannabis. Do not take our right to have private medical treatment with the use of cannabis in Maine. We have a great medical program in Maine, supporting the high number of older residents who require more privacy and medical advisement support than recreational stores and delivery services and ever provide. We need to keep it in place.