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Good morning,

As a small business owner and a caregiver/medical grower who relies very strongly upon out of state patients for my business, I request that the legislature consider the ramifications of this bill, specifically the section which suggests that a caregiver must be "in state". Patients travel from all over the east coast and the US to Maine for the high quality medical cannabis which is grown here, and I am concerned that not only will Maine's medical program and operators suffer, but as will all of the people who no longer have access to their medicine if such a provision is accepted.

Additionally, regarding section 5's proposed limitation on medical providers who may prescribe medical cannabis to patients. I fear this limitation is intended to reduce, or shrink the number of medical certifications which are granted (a number which I believe is already low, due in part to the narrow list of qualifying conditions which are accepted). I believe this would directly harm patients by potentially limiting their access and by extension will harm Maine's medical program, a program which I firmly believe is the finest cannabis regulatory model in the country.

Thank you for your consideration,

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