

Written Testimony of Steven N. Robinson
With regard to
LD410

My name is Steven Robinson and I am the founder of Robinsons of Maine, a medical caregiver farm with an outdoor grow located in Albion, Maine. Our grow is located in the middle of our farm, at least four hundred yards from the nearest road or neighbor, so I believe it is unlikely that an odors emanating from our grow would cause any concern to our neighbors and we have good relationships with our neighbors. I am concerned, however, that our barn where we do processing of our harvest is within 100 yards of China Road and as such, could fall within the proposed restrictions of LD410. We have never had any complaints or concerns from our neighbors, but depending on the scope of LD410's coverage, anyone driving down China Road (which is US 202 for those of you not from Albion) could express concern about odors that may emanate from our barn during the curing process.

Let's keep in mind that Maine is also home to a vibrant dairy industry, a struggling paper industry and a tradition of lobstering and fishing. As Representative Cyrway is all too familiar, dairy farmers spread manure in fields, including right across the road from Representative Cyrway's home. While to many of us, the smell of a freshly dressed field is a reminder of the good traditions around the farm, objectively, the smell of manure is far more pervasive in our town than the smell of growing or harvested cannabis. People downwind from paper plants, or next door to a lobster shack have to live with the smell of their neighbors' odors.

There is no legitimate legislative reason to discriminate against the smell of cannabis rather than any of the other odors common around Maine. We face enough legitimate regulatory challenges while trying to earn a living and provide a valuable service to our patients. Please

concentrate on issues that affect Maine's people, not a pet issue for a vocal minority. There are far more important issues facing the people of Maine than whether someone can smell a cannabis plant growing from 100 yards. Thank you.