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We live in a time where many people think that if they don't like something, it should be banned, controlled, or cancelled.

I believe that most Mainers would agree that we do not want to *increase* the amount of unnecessary government regulation and control happening in our great state.

I understand that cannabis is not desirable to everybody, but that doesn't mean we get to control what our neighbors do.

The proposed bill is quite frankly - ridiculous. There are no arguments on the other side besides "I don't like it, therefore it should be banned."

When I smell cigarette smoke, it makes me feel physically ill. Others are bothered by the smell of meat on the grill and bonfires in their neighbors' yards. Can you *imagine* a bill being passed that would outlaw smoking cigarettes or having a fire in your OWN yard? What a gross violation of sovereignty and liberty that would be.

Despite the physical revulsion I feel in response to cigarette smoke, I would never seek to violate my neighbors' freedom by outlawing them.

As with any other state, Mainers are hanging in the balance of a war on freedom.

What will we decide? In which direction will we move forward?

Freedom - or control?

Sovereignty - or a nanny state?

The seemingly small decisions like that of this bill are the ones that propel us in one of those directions or the other. I invite you to take seriously any infringement of our rights, any attempt at controlling what law abiding citizens are allowed to do on their own properties. I invite you to make the right choice - the one that doesn't impose your own opinions on every single other person.

Thank you for your time