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Any legal business should not be discriminated against just because of the type of legal and/or authorized activity that they partake in. Especially when doing so under full compliance while holding the proper licensing. When Maine voted to open up Cannabis Businesses in the state it should have also by default been accompanied with reasonable and equitable banking, taxation and relief accommodations - the same as every single other business type has access to. The delay in allotting these accommodations indefinitely has hurt the small cannabis businesses in Maine. Making it more difficult to stay afloat than it needed to be. I can only imagine it was something we thought we wouldn't need to point out, being something of common sense, which is why it may have gone overlooked for so long. But it officially has come to our attention that this is an issue and it certainly is time to rectify it. Cannabis businesses contribute financially to the state in a positive way and fund many things through taxes paid. To be afforded the same rights to relief as the other businesses operating in the state is a common sense, quality of life measure to be taken. Cannabis businesses have faced discrimination across the board and it has always been a one way road of taking taxes from businesses without giving them a break. It would be a great day to see that change.