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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition to

LD 1691 - An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses

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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in opposition to LD 1691 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, the LPC provides direction to the advocacy team at MMA and establishes the position on bills of municipal interest.

Current Maine law in Title 36, Chapter 211, subsection 1760 explicitly states that the exemption of sales tax applies to medicine for human beings under a doctor's prescription, except for marijuana, now referred to as cannabis. For municipal officials, the law is clear and is not in favor of amending it to allow for exempt status at this time.

In the future, as the federal and state regulations for cannabis are more aligned, the LPC will likely reconsider their position. Thank you for your time and considering the municipal perspective on this issue.



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