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Greetings, I am writing today in support of LD 1757. I believe this bill can solve many of the shortcomings of using the METRC system currently in place. METRC has been a failure nationwide and is overly burdensome for the state and for cannabis businesses. Creating a state run user friendly portal that simplifies track and trace will benefit all involved. That we just paid \$350,000 for a "software update" from METRC is blatant example of how this system is taking advantage of states and individuals nationwide. They have offered themselves as the best option but have proven time and time again that is not the case. It is a falsehood that this program works as it should. Operators using METRC all over the country are able to still divert huge amounts of product into the illicit market. So much so that "METRC packs" (diverted product from METRC facilities) are available everywhere. The program does not work and comes at great cost to all of the users and taxpayers. METRC is nothing short of a scam and we can do better. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Best, Jordan Smith