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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and Members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. My name is Patty Locuratolo Hymanson, I live in York, am a neurologist and past-Maine State Representative 2015-2022, former House Chair of HHS and member of AFA.

I am writing in opposition to LD 2147, An Act to Remove the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Product to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol.

At this point in time, when cannabis products have been sold and consumed in Maine, there is an expectation that the edibles are labeled with a universal symbol. Taking away that symbol would be confusing and may prompt accidental ingestion of a product that used to be labeled and now is not. There is generally nothing in the smell or appearance of the edibles that would give away the cannabis content. Keeping the universal symbol embossed on an edible product is a consumer protection for both adults and for minors who might be given to them by mistake.

Thank you for your attention.