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I previously submitted written testimony and also gave oral testimony. Given that I'm a reform advocate and stand in opposition to the bill, I was surprised not to receive a single question about my testimony, which suggests that the committee agreed with everything I said. I might add a few more comments:

- The organization I founded, Doctors for Drug Policy Reform, is not anti-industry... We helped put the industry in business, and we continue to destigmatize cannabis.
- Imprint of the symbol is important for children, but not just for children... It's possibly most helpful for adults, since they have greater access to both edibles and sweets.
- We have long urged that edibles be kept with their original packaging, but this doesn't always happen.
- I often speak in opposition to medical associations, given that I speak in support of reform and change. In this case, my views fully align with the Maine Medical Society, and that should carry some weight.
- I'm still not clear why we're discussing the removal of a straightforward safety measure. Make no mistake: This bill stands in opposition to consumer safety.