

January 24, 2024

RE: LD 2147 – An Act to Remove the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol

To: Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Honorable Chairperson Senator Hickman, Honorable Chairperson Representative Supica and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Jeremy McGrath. I am writing in support of LD 2147. I work with over thirty growers/edible manufacturers to deliver their products in close to one hundred dispensaries across the state of Maine.

The requirement that each serving of an edible be embossed or stamped does little, if anything, to increase safety across the cannabis market but does put undue financial hardship on small businesses in Maine. The Maine cannabis industry has a strong foundation of small businesses; however, many are already struggling to absorb higher costs of doing business in this state.

Opponents to LD 2147 would like you to believe that this stamping/embossing requirement for every serving magically creates a new layer of safety to protect children and pets. Intentional consumption by a minor will not be deterred by a stamp. Further, accidental consumption by a child or pet comes down to the responsible storage of the product by the consumer and is outside the control of the edible manufacturer and dispensary.

There is no need to label each individual serving as the product packaging is clearly labeled and sufficient to identify that the product contains cannabis (THC).

I urge you to support Maine's cannabis industry and send LD 2147 to the House and Senate as OUGHT TO PASS.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the bottom, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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