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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and the members of the joint standing committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

My name is Eben Sumner, I'm from West Baldwin Maine. I am a board member of the Maine Craft Cannabis Association, founding board member of the Cannabis Council of Maine, member of Seed2Health - Learning Health Alliances, and on the board of directors for the Biddeford/Saco Chamber of Commerce.

Having thoroughly reviewed previous rules packages and actively voiced concerns against them, I find little substantial change in the latest proposal. Despite extensive community feedback during public hearings last fall, the Office of Cannabis Policy appears to have disregarded input and persisted with overly restrictive regulations.

Furthermore, I believe it is premature to enact rule changes while essential statutory revisions are still ongoing, as discussed in recent subcommittee meetings.

Modernizing the program's foundation through statutory adjustments should precede any further rule developments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I remain available for any inquiries or further discussion.