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My name is Ian Hunter and I'm a Post-Production Technician and Inventory Manager at Gele, LLC, a cannabis cultivation facility in South Portland. We are a small local business doing our best to turn a profit in the hostile landscape of Maine's existing Adult Use Cannabis program. Burdensome and unnecessary regulations regarding testing and licensing make our jobs more difficult on a daily basis. I believe this burden is placed on the cannabis industry in Maine as a result of continued stigmatization and bad faith on the part of the state government.

LD-40 will comprehensively improve the Adult Use Cannabis program for growers, retailers, manufacturers, and consumers. It will allow the industry to flourish as it was meant to, bringing in millions of dollars of revenue and revitalizing local economies.

As an employee in this industry, I've had to undergo stringent security measures to obtain my license, including background checks and fingerprinting, not to mention paying the Office of Cannabis Policy a fee for my card, and I've had to do all of this to renew my license every year since.

Please consider putting your support behind LD-40 and fixing the cannabis industry in Maine.