

Dear Members of the Legislative Committee:

My name is Michael Kahn, and I am representing MCR Labs in Gardiner, Maine.

The current adult-use (AU) cannabis testing program plays a crucial role in safeguarding the health and well-being of Maine residents by identifying potential contaminants such as pesticides, heavy metals, and mold. This program establishes a valuable feedback loop. By identifying contaminants, producers and cultivators are able to refine their practices, leading to safer cannabis products.

I believe we can improve the OCP's testing program. First, I urge publication of compulsory testing data. Second, I agree with the need for a transparent audit program. By comparing results across all markets, we could identify areas for improvement and reinforce consumer confidence.

I urge the committee to strengthen the AU testing system to ensure consumers have access to safer cannabis products.

Thank you for your time and consideration.