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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Sarah Bowie, I live in Bangor, Maine. I was a medical patient in years past, and have worked in adult use cannabis for the last three years as the Assistant General Manager at Brothers Cannabis.

I am reaching out to you in support of LD 40 today. I firmly believe that just because we have separate markets, all legal cannabis is helpful to our communities in medicinal ways. Being able to have the ability to offer curbside service would be extremely beneficial for customers with physical limitations.

At Brothers Cannabis, we take a lot of pride in educating cannabis users and non-users that shop with us about the benefits and potential negatives that can come from cannabis use. Reducing the decades-long stigma surrounding marijuana is important for everyone so they may form their own opinions and find valuable ways to help with conditions that don't necessarily require chemicals and medications.

Having a safe, separate area at approved events for 21+ would certainly be a step in the right direction. Giving cannabis users the option to consume in a space reserved for relaxation and socializing the same way alcohol has been for decades, and to not offend anyone present by having a separate area for such activities.

Making licensing renewals simpler and fines less would benefit the industry as a whole, especially when there are multiple locations for a single business. Eliminating the need for yearly fingerprinting and background checks would also help to streamline the hiring process and eliminate some of the extra steps and cost for our employees that comes with the annual IIC card renewal.

This bill is well thought out and will help benefit the cannabis industry and the people of Maine.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Bowie