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LD 40

To start my testimony, I will declare my support for LD40. The Office of Cannabis Policy thus far has made rule changes that make it increasingly difficult for cannabis organizations to start and sustain themselves in both the medical and adult use markets. The rules as they currently are far too open to interpretation that leads to intimidation any time an inspection is conducted. Violations are issued for minor details, such as the proper storage of employee files and the use of equipment as it relates to operating plans. LD40 helps to clarify some of the language that opens up the interpretation and is a step in the right direction for Maine caregivers, employees, and patients.

I personally am a full time student who has had the amazing opportunity to work in cannabis in the state of Maine. I feel fortunate to work in a state where the community and the industry I have chosen to affiliate with works together to solve problems. This sense of community gives me a sense of security in my job, but as rules are constantly changing that sense of security is dwindling. The opportunity to work in this industry in this state is what is keeping me paying those student loans but with out positive changes it will detrimentally impact the organization I work for and could potentially push us to a point of insolvency.