

MARCH 24TH, 2025

MAINE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & LEGAL AFFAIRS [VLA]

SUBJECT: LD 1038

SENATE CHAIR HICKMAN

HOUSE CHAIR SUPICA

SENATE MINORITY LEAD CHAIR TIMBERLAKE

HOUSE MINORITY LEAD CHAIR BOYER

DISTINGUISHED VLA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

MY NAME IS TAMMY SMITH, CHAIR OF MMCM, MEDICAL MARIJUANA CAREGIVERS OF MAINE.

WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF LD 1038. THE REDUCED CAREGIVER REGISTRY PAPERWORK SIMPLIFIES THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR CAREGIVERS. THIS BILL LOWERS THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS BY REDUCING ASSOCIATED COSTS WHILE REDUCING THE WORKLOAD FOR REGULATORY BODIES, STREAMLINING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CAREGIVER REGISTRY. WE URGE YOU TO INCLUDE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF A LICENSEE WITH NO VIOLATIONS FURTHER REDUCES THE WORKLOAD AND EFFICIENCY OF THE CAREGIVER REGISTRY.

WE WOULD BE AVAIBLE AT YOUR REQUEST FOR ANY CANNABIS BILL WORK SESSIONS TO ANSWER ANY DETAILED QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

KINDEST REGARDS,

Tammy Smith

Board Chair, MMCM

Caregiver, Retail storefront owner of Gram's Five & Dime