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I have lived in Biddeford since i was 3 years old, and was diagnosed with Crohns disease in 2012. Ever since i was diagnosed, it has been a struggle for me to do normal everyday things without constantly being reminded how frail i was from not being able to eat, and how much pain i was in on a day to day basis. Luckily I was able to to to doctors for assistance, but i still struggled greatly. When i turned 18 and was first able to use cannabis, it showed me that the normal feeling I once knew before i was sick could come back, and I wouldnt need to dictate my life around no longer feeling ill. Now as an adult i work for tyler technology, a tech company in yarmouth responsible for many local city and county government offices, and one of the things that allows me to work uninterrupted is my use if medical cannabis whenever I am dealing with flareups. I lot of physical stress and pain is a result of my condition and the inherent high stress of troubleshooting tech issues can exacerbate this, causing pain which distracts me from getting work done, on top of the cknstant bathroom trips. Cannabis of the highest quality in the world that is available in our local maine state medical program is a huge part of why I believe ai have been able to be so successful despite my condition. it allows me to get through the toughest times of my disease to a liveable degree to do as much technical support as I am able to do. Not even california, unless you go to the black market, has as much variety and wuality of product, in particular live hash rosin, which is a cannabis extract using only water and ice, and then pressed, giving the purest, most clear headed, and potent form of cannabis inhalation in my oppinion that is easily storable and easy for me to bring to work and use whenever my crohns is giving me trouble. It also allows me to not smell like a burnt joint, which is obviously very offensive odor for others in my office, using hash rosin with an erig im able to get clean, quick, efficient medicine. The recreational market, as it exist today, can not meet my medical needs in the slightest, both price and quality wise. Our market is so great because many small mom n pop passionate growers from the state are able to pursue their passion without heavy overhead. The mandated testing requirements would destroy the barrier for entry and knock out a ton of the already existing smaller vendors, because they wont be able to compete with a scaled business. Also additionally as an experienced user, a test report will never ever, ever tell you the full story of a cannabis bud or extract. As far as testing for heavy metals, i am more concerned with getting heavy metals in a commercialized MSO operation rather than a mom and pop shop, because the large MSO have more on the line to lose, more stakeholders to make money for, and therefore more incentive to do illicit practices that guarantees max profit by prioritizing yield over quality. The fact that there has been no mandated testing has allowed the most amount of people to enter theedical market as possible, giving me as a patient the ability to go to 100s of different caregivers before i know who has the best quality and prices for me, because i have more options and i as a consumer know what is good and made well. A mandate for testing would ruin the margins of the best of the best folks that are in it for the passion and the patients, and therefore push them out of the business altogether; not for scaling for profit. Maine I believe truly has the world class best markets for cannabis, with markets like Michigan and Colorado coming close. The patients in the state know what quality medicine is, and I dont see how mandating testing would help anyone. The bad actors are already weeded out by the good due to there being so many great options, the market will naturally eliminate them. Having a market similar to the recreational market certainly seems like a atep back for my medicine, and may even force myself and others to go blackmarket in order to get the same quality and price thag ohr medical program has been able to offer us.