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I'm a regular medical patient that has experienced what small caregiver farms can provide for the community as well as how METRC destroys exactly what made this program possible in the first place: it was cheap.

METRC, regardless of what they will say to get into Maine, will create barriers, costs & closures of small farms who can't wait for their METRC tags to be printed and delivered to them, or pay for their 46 cents per tag cost. On top of this, multiple facilities I worked at in other states have received broken, incorrect facility, askew, missing rfid, & ripped tags where METRC told us "Oh Well" and to use the next available in the stack. These tags sit in a landfill with small rfid chips adding to ewaste.

METRC has a TERRIBLE api system which heavily limits 3rd party programs from integrating into their system. Personally, I've had countless email chains where my issue of simply retuning data that is available in their system was too difficult. On top of that we get charged for this service after a low amount of "free" data returns. METRC has expressed multiple times that they are not a compliance software so illegal movements can still be made in the system leading to major diversion vulnerabilities. METRC is not up for the task of taking over more states when they can't even provide a working solution for the current states.

All in all METRC does not have the resource or platform to roll out a working trace & trace system for Maine. Bags of METRC tags will fill up your trashes, useless customer support will plague your data collection, and small caregivers won't be able to keep up with the cost of METRC; Caregivers who built this program to be how popular and important it is today. Do not take away Maine's last freedom and give it to a broken corporate tracking system. Please think of the patients, and not the greedy corporation this time.

If you need assistance in building a safe, effective, and complaint tracking system, please reach out to me and I can provide a solution that benefits Mainers and deters corporations from ruining what was so carefully built in Maine.