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LD 1567

Testimony in Support of LD 1567 – An Act to Require Labeling of Radiation Treatment and Ozonation of Adult Use Cannabis and Inspection and Registration of Associated Equipment

Dear Chairs, Members of the Committee, and fellow Mainers,

My name is Adam, and I am writing in strong support of LD 1567.

This bill is a necessary step toward transparency, consumer protection, and integrity in Maine's adult-use cannabis market. If cannabis has been subjected to radiation or ozonation, that fact must be disclosed on the packaging — clearly, permanently, and in detail. Consumers deserve to know why the treatment was necessary, how long it was applied, and what effects it may have had on the flower they're buying.

Cannabis that has undergone irradiation is, by definition, a product that failed to meet microbial safety standards in its raw form. While I support minimizing waste and salvaging otherwise unsellable material, we cannot allow companies to pass off compromised flower as premium product — nor should they be incentivized to rely on radiation as a crutch for poor cultivation or post-harvest practices.

To that end, there must be a price limit placed on flower that has been irradiated or ozonated. This ensures companies cannot seek maximum profit from failed material, and reinforces the idea that this product is not equivalent to untreated, top-shelf flower. Without this, consumers are at risk of overpaying for something that no longer reflects its labeled quality.

Equally important is accurate potency and terpene testing after radiation or ozonation has occurred. The current practice of displaying test results from before treatment is misleading — especially for consumers who choose products based on terpene profiles or cannabinoid content. What's on the label should reflect the final product, not a version that no longer exists.

In conclusion, LD 1567 is a commonsense measure that prioritizes transparency, honesty, and fairness. Our market — and our consumers — deserve better than relabeled subpar products sold at premium prices. I urge you to support this bill and help maintain the integrity of Maine's cannabis industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,^[1]_{SEP} Adam