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LD 1897

Testimony in Support of LD 1897 – An Act Regarding Sun-grown Cultivation in the Medical Use and Adult Use Cannabis Industries

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

My name is Adam, and I am writing in strong support of LD 1897, especially for its positive impact on Maine's medical cannabis program.

This bill is about preserving access to what many patients — including myself — consider the most effective, affordable, and therapeutic form of cannabis medicine: full-term, sun-grown flower and resin.

Cannabis cultivated outdoors in living soil and under natural sunlight produces a broader, richer spectrum of cannabinoids, terpenes, flavonoids, and volatile compounds that contribute to the entourage effect — the synergistic interaction of these elements that can lead to deeper, longer-lasting relief from chronic pain, PTSD, autoimmune conditions, and more. This type of flower simply cannot be replicated in tightly controlled indoor environments, where plants often lack the natural cues and resilience-building exposure that outdoor growing provides.

LD 1897 helps ensure patients retain access to this kind of medicine by protecting sun-grown cultivation and those who practice it. Many of these cultivators operate in rural areas, with just one outdoor season per year. This bill supports their ability to maximize that season — producing more medicine per cycle, keeping prices fair for patients, and reinvesting in regenerative practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon, and reduce the environmental footprint of cannabis production.

These small-scale growers are not industrial operators. They're Mainers using organic inputs, low-impact infrastructure, and sustainable methods to grow clean, terpene-rich medicine. Their work aligns with both patient needs and environmental responsibility.

In short, LD 1897 is not just about farming policy — it's about patient access, affordability, and long-term sustainability. I urge you to support this bill and ensure that Maine's medical cannabis program continues to prioritize health, integrity, and harmony with the land.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Adam