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As a medical cannabis patient living with a chronic illness, I'm deeply concerned about the proposed regulations including additional testing, track-and-trace requirements, and potency limits. These changes would significantly increase costs, putting small, local cannabis farms and production facilities at risk.

For patients like me, access to affordable, effective medicine is not optional, it's essential. These proposals threaten the stability of our medical program and could lead to higher prices, reduced access, and a shift in control toward large, out-of-state corporations that don't share the same commitment to our communities. I moved to Maine for the medical program. We must protect it at all costs.

We've seen the consequences when local industries are pushed out: quality drops, costs rise, and important jobs disappear. The current system supports both patients and local businesses. Please reject these harmful proposals and stand with Maine's small farmers, producers, and patients who rely on this vital program.