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I work on a cannabis farm, and I see firsthand how excessive regulations—like expanded testing, needless track-and-trace, and potency limits—drive up costs without improving safety.

We already follow strict cleanliness, documentation, and quality standards. Every added layer—SKU testing, digital tracking systems, compliance hours—makes small farms like ours spend more to stay afloat. These costs hurt patients and threaten the survival of craft producers.

Worse, these policies don't actually prevent contamination. Other states with stricter testing still see unsafe products. Meanwhile, large corporations absorb the costs and squeeze out the small, local operators who built this industry the right way.

Cannabis should be treated like agriculture—not regulated into the hands of monopolies. Please reject these harmful proposals and protect the people who grow clean, effective medicine every day.