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on behalf of Sanford ME
LD 1847

Economic data from Maine's own regulators confirm that caregivers are already shrinking in number and would absorb significant new compliance charges for every plant they grow, not counting proposed lab-testing fees. Court records and agency bulletins from Missouri, Oklahoma, Maryland and Nevada illustrate that METRC can (1) overcharge, (2) stall supply chains through litigation or outages, and (3) expose confidential patient information, all without demonstrably reducing diversion. LD 1847 risks accelerating caregiver attrition, raising prices for over 100,000 patients, and damaging Maine's economy as a whole.