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Testimony in Support of LD 1847, *An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group*

and

Testimony in Support of LD 104, *An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis*

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, I am Jay McCreight of Harpswell.

I am testifying in strong support of both LD 1847 and LD 104 which would require testing and tracking in Maine's Medical Cannabis program and prioritize efforts to reduce use by our youth. I thank the sponsors for putting these important measures forward.

Throughout my 30+ year career as a social worker/clinical counselor, my work focused on the health and overall wellbeing of children, youth and families.

I also served four terms in the Maine House of Representatives. I was a member of the Health and Human Services Committee when medical cannabis was legalized in Maine. And I served on the VLA Committee when both medical and adult use cannabis policies first came before that committee. I have observed the arguments for and against testing and tracking and have consistently advocated for protecting health and safety, particularly that of our youth with their developing brains.

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testing and tracking provides. It has been neither sensible nor safe to allow these products to be available without that oversight. People need and deserve to have confidence that any medical cannabis they use is untainted by contaminants such as pesticides, heavy metals and/or mold. Of the 30 states that have legalized medical cannabis, we are the only one that does not require testing.

Particularly for our children and youth, we need to provide greater protection from the harmful effects that have been demonstrated to pose significant risk to their physical and mental health.

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