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LD 1847

DO NOT PASS - LD 1847

Dear Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to LD 1847.

This bill attempts to force Maine's medical cannabis program into the adult-use framework, introducing mandatory testing, seed-to-sale tracking, and complex regulations that small caregivers are not equipped to absorb.

Maine's medical cannabis program was never meant to mirror the adult-use market. It was intentionally designed to serve patients through flexibility, affordability, and trusted caregiver relationships—not through the rigid, compliance-heavy systems used by large commercial, profit-driven enterprises.

Systems like METRC are expensive, time-consuming, and wasteful. They require constant tagging, data entry, and generate significant plastic waste—placing an enormous burden on small operations. Despite this, they are easily manipulated and do little to improve product safety.

Mandatory testing adds further cost while penalizing growers who use organic, living-soil methods, and often fails to distinguish between harmful and beneficial microbes. These requirements don't serve patients—they push out the small cultivators who do.

LD 1847 will reduce access, raise prices, and erase the diversity and integrity that define Maine's medical program. Please reject this bill and protect caregivers and the patients who rely on them.

Sincerely,
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