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LD 1847

Hi, I am an owner of a small cannabis farm. I oppose LD 1847. We the people, small farms, and caregivers are already required to fill out a trip ticket when transferring cannabis to other caregivers and log our transactions. The trip tickets are filed and kept on hand. The logs are maintained. This documentation is inspected by the OCP during site visits to verify compliance. I don't feel we should have to do this twice. Adding an additional burdensome software is a senseless waste of resources and dollars for all companies involved. We as taxpayers don't want to pay for this. As a small business owner and the sole employee. I do not have the resources required for the increase in costs and time spent repeating tasks in a less efficient way. Paying money for lost efficiency (increased work load, increased man hours) doesn't make sense to me. Everybody loses here except for Metric and those looking to kill Maine's cottage industry.

Metric would add more work than I, as only employee, would be able to handle without adding an additional employee. (This would cause me to literally double my workforce (pay for an employee) (pay for all associated cost with metric Software, Equipment, RF tags, additional scales)

Testing cannabis would add \$500+ per batch. Plus I have to drive 3 hours round trip to meet Nova labs in Bangor to drop off a sample (we can't mail cannabis yet). So I lose a day of work while in the middle of packing and processing.

Testing doesn't mean healthy cannabis. Some Recreational Cannabis Companies have to use radiation or ozone to even pass testing. The testing is an expensive process without guarantees of anything except a certificate. This Medical industry is so passionate about quality that the community truly polices itself. There is a lot of great people working in cannabis doing the correct thing because we care. If you are not respectable and don't grow clean cannabis you don't make it here. Maine has the highest quality medicine because the regulations work the way they are. They allow farms to be farms and grow cannabis with excellent medical qualities. It is no different that small farms growing way more nutrient dense food than mass producers. It is very hard to scale up a top quality product. If we are radiating our medicine, just to produce clean medicine. Is it cleaner. Definitely not.