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LD 1620

I would like to strongly voice my support for LD 1620. Improving the testing requirements is necessary. As an operator in the Maine AU Market, testing, specifically, microbial testing is usually the biggest hurdle and has severe impact on a business. The levels currently required for Maine AU testing, specifically, the Total Yeast and Mold counts are significantly out of range compared to other markets. I do believe testing is beneficial but the limits need to be increased. This would reduce the need for current operators in the market to use Irradiation and other methods of treatment on their end product. This would be a significant improvement in the Maine AU Industry.