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LD 1488

Testimony in Support of LD 1488 – An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the
Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products
Presented to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Chairpersons, members of the committee:

My name is [Your Name], and I am writing in strong support of LD 1488. As someone working in the cannabis industry, I've seen firsthand how rigid and outdated regulations can stifle small businesses, limit innovation, and drive up costs. This bill is a much-needed step toward modernizing Maine's cannabis and hemp regulations in a way that supports both public safety and economic sustainability.

Allowing cannabis and hemp products to be manufactured under the same roof—while maintaining clear separation, sanitation, and compliance standards—is common sense. These are plant-based agricultural products with overlapping processing needs. Requiring entirely separate equipment and facilities for each product type is a costly and unnecessary barrier, especially for Maine's small and mid-sized producers who can't afford to duplicate infrastructure.

LD 1488 maintains all critical safety safeguards: shared equipment must be sanitized, products kept separate, and labeling must remain accurate and compliant. There's no compromise on quality or consumer protection—just smarter, more efficient use of resources.

This bill will help small producers diversify, innovate, and stay afloat in a rapidly consolidating industry. It reduces waste, supports job growth, and fosters sustainable local businesses without giving up oversight. That's exactly the kind of policy we need to keep Maine competitive while protecting the values that built our cannabis program.

Please vote in support of LD 1488 and stand with Maine's small businesses, farmers, and patients. Thank you for your time and consideration.