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LD 1897

I am writing in strong support of LD 1897, which recognizes and protects sun-grown cannabis cultivation as a sustainable and vital component of Maine's cannabis industry.

This bill is a forward-thinking step toward environmental responsibility, economic equity, and agricultural integrity. By explicitly affirming the right to cultivate cannabis outdoors and in greenhouses using natural sunlight, LD 1897 supports small growers, lowers energy use, and reduces the industry's carbon footprint—without compromising product quality or safety.

Sun-grown cannabis allows for affordable production costs, which translates to lower prices for patients and consumers. It also opens doors for rural farmers and caregivers who may not have the capital to invest in energy-intensive indoor grows. This bill ensures those growers can continue to contribute to Maine's economy and cannabis ecosystem without facing undue regulatory barriers.

Maine has a long tradition of supporting local agriculture. LD 1897 extends that tradition to cannabis by recognizing sun-grown cultivation as a legitimate and protected practice in both the medical and adult-use markets.

I urge you to pass LD 1897 and help preserve access, sustainability, and opportunity within our state's cannabis industry.