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Good morning to everyone reading this,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to thank you for your time and attention; I understand how lengthy this process can be, and I truly appreciate your willingness to listen.

My name is David Nappi, and I am a co-owner of a family-run cannabis business here in Maine. Over the past ten years, I have been directly involved in the cannabis program, and I've witnessed both its struggles and progress. It's clear that we are at a crucial juncture in Maine's way of life, and it feels like a significant shift is taking place.

Maine has always been a state that puts its people first. We've seen large corporations come here only to falter, while our beloved mom-and-pop shops continue to thrive, creating a sense of community and belonging. When we look at the malls scattered across our state, many have become mere shadows of what they once were, leaving behind empty spaces that remind us of a vibrant time that younger generations may never fully understand.

I urge you to listen to those of us who have dedicated ourselves to the cannabis program. We are the ones who understand its intricacies and the impact it's had on our lives and communities. The current bills do not reflect the voices of our industry, and this disconnect has real consequences for the many voters and community members who cherish our businesses and rely on their continued existence. Your understanding and support can make a profound difference in ensuring that our voices are heard and valued.