

Testimony Opposing L.D. 1847
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Chairpersons and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Travis Lebrun, and I am a licensed organic cannabis cultivator here in Maine.

I'm here to voice my opposition to L.D. 1847. While this bill may appear different on the surface, it carries many of the same flaws as L.D. 104—just dressed in new language. It again places an undue burden on small cultivators, particularly those of us who grow organically and work hard to uphold sustainable, regenerative practices.

Instead of supporting the small businesses that form the backbone of Maine's craft cannabis industry, L.D. 1847 introduces more complexity and cost without addressing the core problems in the system. We still face inconsistent lab results. We still see product that fails testing go through remediation and enter the market. And we're still being penalized for using safe, natural inputs—because testing protocols can't tell the difference between beneficial microbes and harmful ones.

Bills like this give the appearance of increased safety, but in practice, they shift the burden onto growers while failing to improve outcomes for consumers. Organic farming should not be regulated out of existence. It should be encouraged, especially when so many of us are trying to do this the right way.

I urge you to reject L.D. 1847 and instead focus on practical, science-based reform that supports fairness, consistency, and small business viability in this evolving industry.

Thank you.