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As a medical cannabis patient, I'm concerned about the proposed regulations—including more testing, track-and-trace requirements, and potency limits—that would harm local jobs in small cannabis farms and production facilities, as well as not provide the same level of quality medicine us folks of learned to find.

These changes will increase costs, put local jobs at risk, and give larger, out-of-state corporations a competitive edge. We've already seen what happens when local manufacturing is pushed out—product quality drops, and our communities lose meaningful employment opportunities. And more importantly we do not have access to the medicine this state deemed important to its citizens to begin with.

The current system is effective and supports local businesses and workers. Please reject these proposals and protect the jobs and economic stability of our community and keep safe, quality medicinal cannabis in the hands of patients across the state of Maine. Maine has long been a pinnacle of quality medicine not only in the New England area but in the entire country. We have set the example for others to follow and it would be a shame to join the many broken systems in other states.