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Testimony in Support of
An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp
Products

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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Senator Hickman , Representative Supica, and members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

My name is Arleigh Kraus, and I am writing today in strong support of LD 1488 An
Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp
Products. This bill represents a practical and much-needed update to Maine’s adult
use cannabis regulatory framework, offering clarity and flexibility for licensed
cannabis manufacturers while maintaining the rigorous safety and quality standards
that protect consumers.

Firstly, the bill removes the prohibition on the simultaneous use of
manufacturing-related equipment and facilities for cannabis and hemp product
manufacturing. This change is a meaningful step forward for licensed operators who
are already subject to strict compliance and inspection requirements. By allowing
shared use of equipment—while still prohibiting simultaneous processing and
requiring sanitation between uses—this bill enables small and mid-sized businesses to
maximize efficiency, reduce costs, and innovate across both cannabis and hemp
product lines without compromising safety.

Secondly, the bill clarifies that the use of a cannabis extract or distillate in creating an
edible product does not constitute “further processing” for the purpose of triggering
additional contaminant testing, except as related to potency, homogeneity, and
cannabinoid profiles. This clarification eliminates unnecessary redundancies in testing
requirements while preserving the essential protections for product consistency and
consumer safety.

These updates reflect the reality of modern cannabis manufacturing and strike a
thoughtful balance between regulatory oversight and operational flexibility. By
aligning the law more closely with the actual workflows of licensed manufacturers,
Maine will foster a more competitive, compliant, and sustainable cannabis industry.
I urge the committee to vote “Ought to Pass” on this legislation and thank you for
your consideration of this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,
Arleigh Kraus