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LD 104

Dear Chairpersons and Members of the Veterans Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Roseanne Della Fave, and I am both a medical cannabis patient and an Herbalist who works and serves the medical cannabis community here in Maine. I am writing to express my absolute opposition to LD 104, "An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis."

While I acknowledge the intent to streamline processes within the medical cannabis program, I have significant concerns regarding the potential implications of this bill having a negative impact on our medical cannabis patients and access to their medicine, as well as, small businesses that support our patients needs.

The costs associated with the proposed mandatory testing could potentially put our grassroots efforts to offer holistic healing modalities at risk and even completely take away the ability for us to offer these services, as such. These costs would trickle down to the patients, therefore making cannabis medicine inaccessible for many.

If mandatory testing is such a high priority, I urge you and request that you create a system where testing be accessible and free to businesses that you are attempting to put this constraint on.

As a community herbalist who works with ALL plants as medicine, not just cannabis, this type of testing is not required with any other plant, so why is there such discrimination against cannabis?

While I agree, patient safety is of utmost importance, I urge the committee to seek alternative approaches to enhance the efficiency and safety within the program, that does not compromise patients access to the plant medicine.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the committee reconsider LD 104, and kill the bill. This bill would prioritize corporate cannabis priorities that would push Maine craft cannabis cultivators and caregivers out of the market, and in fact, revoke access to cannabis medicine for patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Medical Cannabis Patient & Community Herbalist