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We understand the nature of how do we manage and track the production and distribution of cannabis. I often refer to tobacco and alcohol because of the nature to which both these well established industries are what cannabis is in one. So, yes, I get why you may feel that the proposed bill seems a good idea. That much I can promise is false. The idea of tracking cannabis to the seed to the waste to the flower in a joint is not ludicrous as it is asinine and extremely cost prohibitive. Maine can't even pay the public defendants enough to cover court cases. Why would we think we can do the same to run and manage the extremely data logging heavy bout of hell this will be.

My past experience started in 2016 in California. I worked in the grows and worked in the dispensaries. The systems in place then worked. Like it worked seamlessly. It was when Metrc reared its face around that essentially the entire state was forced, both rec and medical, to drop to the attunement of \$350 million to as high as almost a billion dollars of product on shelves not including in storage and what was soon to be harvested and brought to market. No really and what came of that was the black market became something almost akin to the cocaine days of Pablo Escobar. That where you get this image we're out of control and wild. That's a false narrative written from inadequate and abhorrent laws and policies that have caused far more damage than you understand.

I speak for myself. I stand with the growers. Maine has had such a diverse history with cannabis that we forget the irreversible damage done by ineffective policies, taring families apart, arresting people with no reason for that, the list goes on. Sure you're going to have anger, but I'm doing my best to express until we're out of breath about the pure analytical data and feasible design to which we need to be aware of. You can only make paint dry so many ways. You can be a slumlord landlord and paint over stains and cracks or you can be a homeowner who takes the time to do everything they can to make sure it's repaired and looks better than it was.

I don't need to spend my time telling you what this is unless you want me to. Would love to help structure this bill because you don't understand I feel what it is we need from the state government in rules and regulations. Trust me. TRUST. ME. I am not going to waste my time data logging my trash. You expect me to sit through what? maybe fifty pounds of defoliated plants? Do I need to really spend my time making my cannabis grow a library for you so that you can just walk in? No!

Help me help you. We the cannabis growers and patients and consumers do not need this because we pay for it. And we don't want to because much like you we don't got the money nor the time. So please stop acting as those you speak on behalf of us.