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LD 104

Good morning,

I am writing today in opposition of LD104.

If this bill were to pass and become law, all it would accomplish would be to cause my family owned and operated business (and many others) to jump through more hoops and more expenses in order to continue operating.

On our farm, we breed and select our own strains of cannabis. This allows us to offer our patients varieties (and effects) that they can't find anywhere else. If I were to test every plant from seed, it would cost more money than I could ever make back off of each seed. Never mind profit. That would change my entire business model. It would make it completely unsustainable to continue operating the way we currently are. Our patients love our farm because of the way we operate. Requiring testing per batch is a great way to take the craft right out of craft cannabis.

These tests are absurdly expensive. \$500 per batch.

These testing labs have been proven time and time again to be unreliable. If you take the same batch sample of cannabis flower to several different labs, you will receive several different results in return and none of them will be identical. So not only are they absurdly expensive, but they are absolutely unreliable. Would you pay \$500 to test your hard work if you knew the results were bogus?

This bill is not enhancing the safety and quality of Maine Medical Cannabis. This bill was written with the intention of making it harder on us in the medical program. We have the best medical program in the country. Please don't be fooled by these lobbyists that have no idea what they're talking about. Please don't allow these bills to destroy everything our family has worked for over the years. I want my children to have something special. I don't want a watered down business. I want my passion for strain specific medicine to stay alive.

Thank you for giving me a place to speak my concerns.