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Veterans and legal affairs members -

Please consider this my written testimony fully against LD1847 " An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group"

I am completely against mandatory testing of Cannabis for the medical program. With the mandatory testing of cannabis we can expect at least 50% of cannabis shops to go out of business within the first year. This bill is the death penalty for medical cannabis businesses as written. I would be in full support of this mandatory testing if the state was to cover all expenses of the tests.

I am in full support of clean cannabis and have a big problem with pesticides of any sort. I say this as the founding member of MOFGAs "Certified Clean Cannabis" program, which started in 2014. As I have confirmed with MOFGA, certified clean cannabis program is on its last year of being a active program unless a big change happens this year.

I came up with a solution and I think it will be huge at zero cost to the state and %100 assurance for every patient. It also will ensure that patients are not buying any Triad weed.

This is a long explanation but it will be thorough and if there is any questions from any member I would be happy to answer.

I am working with a local software designer from Oakland and we are creating a state of the art program that I think once it is ready for release will become a necessity for all Maine medical cannabis businesses and I feel strongly that other states will follow Maine and it will soon expand to other states.

The software when complete will be similar to weedmaps dot com but better in many ways. Weedmaps now charges about \$500 a month and I constantly here complaints about how much they charge but those who use it also say it is effective.

Once our software is complete it will offer users so much more and the price will be so much cheaper and it should be very effective.

I currently am the president and founding member of Maine Cannabis Coalition, a registered non profit corporation in Maine that has the website address www.maineecannabiscoalition.org which will always be non-profit. I also own www.maineecannabiscoalition.com which I intend to use for the program.

The program when complete will allow members to list their products and help unite all members to work together. the first step is to make sure the website gets a top listing on google for any searches in Maine that are searching for cannabis. Once the website is completed the patient will have the ability to search for every member (cannabis business that has a storefront or delivery, such as a caregiver) You can do a statewide search or search by area by typing in a zip code or typing in the name of your town and it will show you every member in a 50 mile radius.

If you are searching for a hard to find strain you can do a statewide search looking for the hard to find strain and it will show every member in the state that offers that strain.

For the members who specialize in edibles you can do a search for that edible and find every member in the state that offers that edible. You can also search for concentrates, vapes and find every shop in Maine that sells those products.

Once the user submits a search, the results will be listed and show all the results in a color coded format. Explanation of the color code:

1. All corporate cannabis companies (companies that trade on the stock market) will be color coded in BLACK
2. All MSOs (Multi state operators) will be color coded BROWN
- 3 All products that are tested will have the test results listed and be coded in GREEN
4. All products that are MOFGA Certified Clean Cannabis will be color coded in LIGHT GREEN
5. All local members that are not tested, not MOFGA certified and not a MSO or corporate cannabis will have non color coded results.

Of course you can also easily search for every member in the state that has tested cannabis or certified clean cannabis in the state of Maine.

The beauty of this product is it will offer "Maine Cannabis Coalition Certified" products meaning it was all locally grown cannabis and this will be accomplished by all members will be required to provide a copy of their last year or more of there power bills. Easily accomplished by contacting CMP and asking them to send you a email of your last years power bills. We will certify members by a formula of approximate KW usage and matching it up with their output. In the event you grow sun grown cannabis you can still be a member but it will require a visual confirmation at the time when your plants are in the ground.

When you become a member you will have access to the members only section. In the members only section it will have members that assist the cannabis businesses like banks, HVAC companies, plumbers, electricians, medical certifiers, labs for testing, lawyers and others

In the members only section every member will have access to electronically purchase from other members. Example: if you specialize in making gummies you will get to list your edible products in the members only section. Once you have chosen a gummy product you want to purchase it will generate a invoice and a travel ticket and you will have the ability to do a ach payment and you will essentially have a record of everything

We are working on this system now and it is expected to be ready for release in approx. 3 months.

The extra expense of mandatory testing is a death sentence for the medical program and the few that survive will have to raise their prices so high to survive it will eliminate a 2nd industry (the doctors/nurses that certify)

Instead of adding another expensive regulation lets save both industries and put the power of choice to the patients like they have when they shop for groceries. Let's save the nations first organically certified program and make it a competitive tool for many to sign up and keep this medical program alive. We are helping all patients by keeping the businesses alive and prices low.

Another problem I have with this bill is currently there are illegal pesticides listed with the department of agriculture and enforcement requires OCP inspectors to take samples and get them tested with the state lab. When's the last time they took a sample from one of these licensed Triad grow houses? I am seeing news reports of pesticides being found at these unlicensed grow houses that are so illegal they don't even make them or sell them in the U.S.

When I look on OCPs website everyone can now see every caregiver listed along with every caregiver that has a violation on record and I can't find 1 with a pesticide violation ☐ ♂ ☐ ??? Just to clarify OCP is now licensing Triad grow houses so it's quickly becoming their jurisdiction

Please vote no on this bill