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

My name is Robin Carr and I live in Bangor, Maine.

I'm testifying in favor of LD 1847 and LD 104 which would require testing and tracking in Maine's Medical Cannabis Program and prioritize efforts to reduce youth cannabis use.

I'm very glad to see these two bills.

I know many people who use medical cannabis to manage their health conditions. I was worried to learn that our medical cannabis program does not require testing, and that heavy metals, mold, and pesticides were found in many medical products in Maine.

People make the logical assumption that medical products in Maine are tested. This is likely because testing is required in all 30 other states with medical cannabis programs, and in Maine's adult-use products. Why would Maine's medical products have lesser health and safety standards? It's concerning that 1) there is no required testing and 2) this goes against common sense and thus isn't well-known by consumers or physicians who may recommend cannabis to their patients.

Consumers, especially adults and kids with health conditions deserve to know what is in the cannabis products they purchase, and that they are free from contaminants.

I've also been concerned that there's no cap on the THC content in edibles in the medical cannabis program, like there is for adult-use cannabis. What worries me most is that youth and 18-20 year olds use medical cannabis. Higher potency products have higher risks, especially for kids and young adults. Establishing caps on edible products in the medical program would be a great step to help protect mental health and developing brains.

I respectfully request you to vote LD 1847 and LD 104 "Ought to Pass" to help ensure transparency and safety in Maine's Medical Cannabis Program. Thank you.