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I'm sorry I had to leave before I was called up for my testimony. Here is what I wished to say.

Good afternoon senator Hickman, representative Supica and the rest of the committee.

Nate Burdick, caregiver. Porter me

I Own and operate upward organics which is 100% sun grown and solar powered cultivator and single source solventless producer.

We also donate 1% of our revenue to local nonprofits like Teens to trails, national nonprofits like wilderness volunteers who did a week long project last summer upgrading a section of the 100 mile wilderness l, and global nonprofits like protect our winters a season this state relies on for recreation, tourism and healthy soil.

Like my peers in the medical community we are driven by purpose and by passion.

As you listen to testimony on these bills please be sure to ask yourselves "what is motivating this person to speak? Is it passion or is it profit? Is it to maintain a lifestyle of tending a plant and helping others to be present despite their ailments or is it subscription or tax revenue? And lastly are their arguments based on facts or fear.

I'm proud to be a part of this community and its amazing how many of people showed up today. I know many of them were growing this plant before big canna and its affiliates got involved. And i also know how many of us will continue to regardless of big cannas influence. Maines laissez faire approach to this industry has made it what it is today; the best program in the country. It would be a shame to mess that up now.

Thank you