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LD 1897

Dear Chairpersons and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of LD 1897, which recognizes and supports sun-grown cannabis cultivation in both the medical and adult-use cannabis programs.

This bill takes essential steps to empower cultivators who rely on natural sunlight, a method that promotes sustainability, preserves traditional farming values, and minimizes environmental impact. By formally recognizing and supporting sun-grown methods, LD 1897 helps Maine remain a leader in responsible cannabis policy.

Some of Maine's most passionate and skilled cannabis cultivators are outdoor growers. These farmers are deeply committed to producing high-quality flower using organic practices, including the application of beneficial microbes. However, under current regulations, these healthy microbes will result in failed microbial tests, even when there is no risk to consumer safety.

LD 1897's provision to drop strict microbial thresholds is a crucial lifeline for outdoor growers. Without this reform, outdoor cultivation would continue to face disproportionate barriers—since cannabis grown under open sun, exposed to living soil and natural biodiversity, will struggle to ever pass current microbial testing for Maine's regulated cannabis market. Updating the standard allows for continued organic farming practices both indoors and out.

LD 1897 helps protect Maine's legacy of small, passionate, and responsible cannabis farming. It ensures that organic, sun-grown operations aren't shut out of the market. It supports sustainability, equity, and quality—all without compromising public health. I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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