Testimony supporting LD1897

Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee of Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Virginia Milton and I live in Gardiner. I am submitting testimony in support of LD1897.

Because of the climate in Maine caregivers growing only in sun are not able to grow the same amount of cannabis as caregivers growing indoors despite them paying for the same license.

LD1897 creates clarity by defining sun grown cultivators. Sun grown cultivators should be allowed to get the same value from their licenses that indoor cultivators do.

Also addressed in this bill is allowing workers to begin immediately after completion of a RIC application. Because the cannabis industry deals with living plants things are not always predictable and a delay in having help can be detrimental including a lost or diminished harvest.

I respectfully ask for you to vote in favor of LD1840. Thank you very much for your time and your service.