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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Opposition to

*LD 1869, An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Allowing
a Local Option Sales Tax on Recreational Cannabis Sales*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1869 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

While municipal officials appreciate the local option sales tax authority provided in LD 1869, they oppose the initiative as being too narrowly tailored with respect to both its applicability to cannabis sales only, but also for the limits placed on the use of the generated revenue. There is no disagreement that new sources of revenue, other than the property tax, need to be utilized to help fund the provision of school, county, and municipal services, however, LD 1869 does not deliver the needed relief.

Should the committee elect to move forward with the proposal, municipal officials would recommend defining the term "public safety," to include law enforcement, fire and EMS, in the section of the bill pertaining to the use of the revenue.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.