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LD 1920

I am writing to ask the committee to pass LD1920 which defines intoxicating hemp products and prohibits the sale of them to individuals under 21 years of age and requires tamper evident, child safe packaging. This bill will protect legitimate and law abiding small hemp businesses that are producing full spectrum hemp products that are very important for people within the state of Maine to have access to. Full spectrum hemp products are rarely intoxicating and have great medicinal benefit for those seeking the anti inflammatory effects of CBD. These products tend to work better as a full spectrum extract vs a complete CBD isolate. These products already have to test under .3% to be classified as hemp and if simply extracted and made into tincture or salve, without further lab and chemistry manipulation are rarely intoxicating and provide great relief to many inflammatory and seizure conditions. I'm aware there are some people manipulating cannabinoids in labs to make Delta8 thc and other intoxicating products, but this bill will simply protect the legitimate businesses that are making relatively safe and less intoxicating full spectrum CBD based products. Lets not destroy our good actor hemp industry because a few bad apples are manipulating the market, there can be a more nuanced approach to deal with bad actors. Thank you for your time in working on this slightly complicated and nuanced issue. Please vote to pass LD 1920 to protect our legitimate hemp businesses.