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My name is Eric Nichols.. I am a medical cannabis patient in the town of Industry, Maine.. I have been using cannabis as a form of pain relief for decades. I much prefer a natural medicine and have found that cannabis works well for my body. As a former teacher, who used assessment that has been nationally normed, with well established baseline data, vetted through years of scientific research, scientific evidence, and peer reviewed, to provide data which was then used to make informed decisions.

Unfortunately, this is not the case for the current track and trace/ testing program. I see no value in our states current testing system. To be quite frank, batch testing has allowed unsavory AU operators to get away with selling unsafe products. It's clear that the testing program is a failure and a waste of tax payer time and money. I also believe that there is no baseline data from which to base any decisions on allowances for yeast and mold and Maine has unfortunately adopted a stance that highlights the ignorance with which decisions are currently made. In closing, I firmly believe that The Office of Cannabis Policy should be done away with and cannabis should fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.