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LD 1847

Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Ian Hunter, and I am a registered medical cannabis caregiver in Maine. I am writing in strong opposition to LD 1847 and urge an Ought Not to Pass report.

LD 1847 restructures the medical cannabis program by imposing adult-use testing, tracking, and THC potency limits on a system designed around patient care.

Many of the patients I serve — including individuals with cancer, severe chronic illness, neurological conditions, and PTSD — require consistent, higher-dose THC formulations to maintain symptom control. These patients often have long-established tolerance and rely on carefully calibrated products. A blanket cap of 10 milligrams per serving and 200 milligrams per package does not meet their medical needs and destabilizes care.

Forcing high-dose patients to rely on multiple low-dose products increases cost, increases consumption burden, and reduces dosing precision. This is not safer for patients.

LD 1847 also mandates extensive testing and tracking requirements without addressing testing capacity, cost, or administrative burden on small caregivers.

Implementing these requirements before fixing system failures will reduce access and drive caregivers out of the medical program.

Medical cannabis should not be regulated as a retail product. For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject LD 1847.

Respectfully,

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