

Alexander Dolph  
DolphCraft Cannabis  
LD 1847

Hello and good morning to Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and the members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Alex Dolph, I have been registered Caregiver and sole operator of DolphCraft Cannabis since 2023. I am writing to you today to vote NO on LD1847. This Bill would crush my business and a daunting number of small operators that have been passionately treading through years of fighting over-regulation and having our rights minimized/removed. The Maine medical program is one of its kind in the Country and has resulted in everyone around the US (and world) looking to Maine for having the best medicinal cannabis access, range of products for different patient needs, and very importantly safety to consume compared to other states over-regulated programs that result in massive company over produced product that is easy to manipulate moldy or bad product onto the shelf. Once again for a small operator as myself it's already difficult staying afloat with insane electric bills, a declining pound price, and a fierce market. The cards are stacked against us small operators doing work out of our own houses and mandatory testing on the scale LD1847 proposes would put myself and a lot of others in a place we most likely couldn't recover from financially. The proposed limits on THC would completely destroy access to properly dosed products for people who are medically in need of high concentrations of these meds. A lot of people depend on this type of dosage/medicine to live their lives normally without the relief of these products. Also, it would change how and if a lot of products are brought to sale. For example 1 gram of hash rosin or concentrate is more than 3-5x what the 200mg cap would allow, so as a small operator I would have to use 3-5x more packaging resulting in a much higher overhead for product packaging? This is something that would burden and destroy a very important and integral part of our program. As for Imposing METRC on the Medical Program while the current Medical program already has its own (trip tickets, transaction logs, internal tracking of plants/products) would just be another hardship and unnecessary burden on small operators doing all we can to survive. It has been proven in other states that METRC does not prevent product from being diverted/ending up somewhere else as people can/will manipulate. Lastly I'd like to bring up mandatory testing. The Office of Cannabis policy is already tasked with annual conducting and testing on product but even at that TESTING DOES NOT MEAN ITS SAFE. Recalls have happened many times on tested product in the Rec. program in Maine. Testing can always be manipulated by growers who do not care about the quality they are bringing to market, Improper transport and/or storage at dispensaries can result in pathogen or mold growth, and tests sets have not been proven to be completely accurate/ fail to test for all contaminants. As a passionate small operator that has always adhered to rules and regulations, changes proposed in LD1847 would destroy the best Medical program there has ever been. It would impose massive financial and other burdens that we can't keep up with, having to close our doors to a passionate outlet that provides for our families and lives. Thank you for your time and for hearing me out about why everyone should vote NO to LD1847.