

Good Morning,

Ladies and Gentleman of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Amy McFarland, I am the President of the Maine Cannabis Union. We stand next to the Lobstermen's Union, and are affiliated with District 4. (The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.)

In addition to this, I am a patient and a cannabis farmer.

I am here today to testify in support of LD# 365, "An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act".

When it comes to regulating our industry, we at M.C.U. believe a common sense approach is the best option.

For instance, if an individual's scale is out of compliance, they should first receive a warning, not a large fine. Now, if a farmer has been told more than once to stop spraying a harmful pesticide (like Eagle 20), then a mere warning is not sufficient.

Some form of financial penalty is just, as a patient could potentially be harmed by the farmer's actions.

We at the Maine Cannabis Union would happily work with the Office of Cannabis Policy along with other stakeholders on this matter.

Thank you for your time,

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