



IN FAVOR OF LD1714· An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue

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Hello, Chairperson Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and the Committee of Taxation I am Jeanne Marquis, an organizer for the Maine Recovery Advocacy Project and a parent of a person in recovery I am speaking in favor of LD1714 An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers

I have learned so much through my son's recovery and probably the biggest lesson is that his recovery will be a lifetime journey through which he will need the support of a community who understands and is stigma-free

A good Recovery Community Center provides this type of support, along with connections to classes, workshops and meetings that help people move forward in their lives A good Recovery Community Center becomes that second family that celebrates each step in rebuilding each others' lives and is there for you on the holidays when no one else may be Recovery Community Centers are essential in maintaining sobriety long after someone's been to detox, rehab and outpatient treatment That is why Recovery Community Centers need to be sustained for the long-haul so they will be the consistent support for people in recovery such as my son

The Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue would be an ideal, sustainable source of funding for a Recovery Community Center in every county throughout Maine The cannabis industry in Maine is thriving and brings tourism to our state, so it makes sense to put this money to use so our citizens also thrive This solution has bipartisan support, so please vote in favor of LD1714 Thank you for your time and consideration

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