Good Day, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Amy McFarland.

I am a patient, medical cannabis farmer and the Co-Director of Liberate Maine Cannabis. (A grassroots political action committee.)

Today I am testifying in support of LD 1952. "An Act to Allow On-Site Cannabis Consumption"

This bill permits facilities to be licensed for on-site consumption of adult use cannabis and adult cannabis products under the Cannabis Legalization Act.

Adults, from both Maine and away, should be allowed to consume cannabis in a secure location outside their homes. Cannabis Establishments should be looked at as the equivalent to a bar for alcohol consumers.

I want to remind you all, at one point not too long ago alcohol was illegal too. Laws needed to be corrected to allow the consumption of alcohol, and the right to operate a bar. So too with cannabis.

One thing I do want to point out is under the section "Prohibitions", it excludes tobacco use. Some folks within the community like to smoke blunts which contain tobacco. This should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your time,

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