

My name is Susan Meehan. I moved to Maine in 2013 to utilize the medical cannabis program to treat my late daughter Cyndimae's severe epilepsy. I currently serve as President of the Maine Cannabis Union, a Maine Non-profit whose mission it is to protect Maine's legal cannabis markets – both the medical and the adult use markets from over-regulation and unfair laws.

OCP has made it clear they are not only subjectively applying adult use laws to medical product, but also, that their application of this standard is haphazard depending on the inspector and who is being inspected. IF participants receive a call back, they are often met with responses such as, "It is up to your inspector."

- Participants in the cannabis program purchase these molds to OCP specifications to create OCP's symbol on edible foods, typically fruit chews. In November, one of our member's product lines was threatened by OCP over this embossed symbol locking up thousands of dollars in product.
- It seems that if popcorn, pretzels, loose granola – all of these food items are appealing to children and pets, and do NOT require the "universal symbol" on the product, but only on the packaging, and these items can be reclosed in their child-resistant packages.
- Since the evaluation of the clarity of this symbol from food to food is subjective and completely ineffective, we ask that the VLA deem LD2147 OUGHT TO PASS. Packaging is marked with the symbol AND the packaging is resealable "child-resistant." This is truly facilitating public safety.
- This per-serving universal symbol marking is an unnecessary business expense that does NOTHING to protect the public, especially non-readers such as young children and pets. Stamping a product will do nothing to protect the most vulnerable to accidental ingestion. Rule and law cannot replace responsible consumers and responsible parenting and responsible pet-ownership.
- There is no magical symbol that wards off children and pets that substitutes for RESPONSIBILITY and EDUCATION. Ask any poison control hotline operator. Thank you for your time today. The MCU association and our affiliates appreciate our lawmakers.

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