



LD 40

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and honorable members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Virginia Olsen- I work for District 4 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and have been assigned to the Maine Cannabis Union.

We are very happy to see LD 40 before us today. The cannabis industry has been under so much unnecessary pressure for a voter-approved legal industry. I will not profess to be an expert on this subject, but I can certainly tell right from wrong. The management and enforcement of this industry appear to be preparing for Maine to be an import state rather than protecting our small Maine businesses and preparing for future exports, they have so many unnecessary processes with no standardization, which in the end is a financial burden without benefit to the patients or adult consumer. We all understand a 66-page bill can feel a little daunting, but it is vital to the success and survival of Maine's cannabis industry. I would direct your technical questions to those members of the Maine Cannabis Union and other associations that can provide the answers you seek. We will be available at the work session and ask this body to vote LD 40 Ought To Pass.

Respectfully,

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