

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

My name is Amy McFarland. I run Independence Farm, a medical cannabis farm, with my husband.

Today I am testifying against LD# 903, "An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products".

Sign approval should not be left up to OCP, that should fall under the purview of the code enforcement officer of the residing town where the business is located.

Some towns have specific ordinances dictating the size, height, and lighting of a sign. Deciding what type of advertising is allowed for cannabis businesses should be included.

Here in Maine, the state grants significant authority to local governments through "Home Rule". (This is a provision within the Maine Constitution.)

One can find "Home Rule" under "Article VIII, Part Second, Section 1".  
(This rule was adopted in 1969.)

It states: "The inhabitants of any municipality shall have the power to alter and amend their charters on all matters, not prohibited by Constitution or general law, which are local and municipal in character. The Legislature shall prescribe the procedures by which the municipality may so act".

Due to "Home Rule", I ask you all the vote "No" on LD# 903.