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Subject:

This is a emergency for medical cannabis owners

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Considering recent bills concerning medical cannabis in Maine, it's essential to consider the potential impact on patients, caregivers, and the industry. While safety and transparency are undoubtedly important, overregulation can have unintended consequences, such as driving up costs and hindering innovation.

To protect the health of medical cannabis patients and streamline solutions for testing, a collaborative approach is needed. Involving industry leaders like Maine Organic Farmers and taking input from stakeholders will help strike a balance between regulation and the needs of the cannabis community.

We must remember that the cannabis industry in Maine has thrived due to the dedication of local growers and businesses, as well as the strong support from patients who rely on this medicine. By working together, we can create a system that ensures both safety and accessibility, keeping Maine at the forefront of the cannabis movement.

As we move forward, let's prioritize:

- * Collaboration: Engage with industry leaders and stakeholders to develop practical solutions.
- * Innovation: Encourage sustainable practices and new ideas to foster a thriving cannabis industry.
- * Affordability: Keep testing and regulation costs manageable to maintain reasonable prices for patients.

We, the cannabis community think LD 104 and LD 1847 are going to cripple the medial program and all small businesses.

In closing, let us remember that Maine has a long-standing history of pioneering cannabis legislation. Our state has been a leader in the cannabis movement, and our progress has only been possible due to the tireless efforts of our local growers, businesses, and patients. The cannabis community in Maine is truly unique, defined by its resilience and commitment to safe, accessible medicine.

With this proud legacy in mind, we must ensure that our continued progress considers the needs of all stakeholders, fostering an environment that supports both innovation and responsible regulation. By doing so, we will not only preserve the integrity of our medical cannabis program but also maintain Maine's reputation as a trailblazer in the cannabis industry. Together, we can

create a collaborative and balanced approach that keeps patients' wellbeing at heart while embracing our distinctive spirit and ingenuity.

Thank you for your time and trusting the people that have put the time and effort in to fix it like myself. I am part owner of The Hashery in Winham, Maine.

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