

Dear Honorable Members of the VLA Committee,

My name is Leo Paquette, and I am writing to express my support for LD 1567. This bill is a meaningful step toward greater transparency, consumer protection, and informed decision-making in Maine's adult use cannabis market.

Cannabis consumers, like any consumers of regulated products, deserve clear and accurate information about how their products are treated and processed. Ionizing radiation and ozonation are powerful tools that can impact the chemical profile, flavor, and perceived purity of cannabis. While these methods may serve important functions in terms of sterilization and shelf-life, they are not without controversy and may be of concern to some consumers. Providing this information on product labels allows individuals to make choices that align with their health, values, and preferences.

Labeling requirements already exist for many types of food and health-related products. Applying similar standards to cannabis reinforces the state's commitment to consumer rights and regulatory consistency. This bill does not ban or limit these processing methods—it simply ensures transparency.

I urge the committee to support LD 1567 and uphold the principles of informed consent and consumer choice in Maine's adult use cannabis industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration