

My name is Amy McFarland.

I run Independence Farm with my husband.

I am also a long time medical cannabis patient.

Today I am testifying in opposition to LD# 1847.

(An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group)

First I would like to discuss testing.

After doing some research this weekend, I found that PFAS are not required to be tested for within Maine's general food supply yet this bill is requiring it for cannabis.

Water testing for PFAS can range between \$250-\$500 per test.

Soil testing falls within the same price range.

So one can assume that testing a cannabis product for PFAS will cost between \$250-\$500.

Now add that to the \$505 I was quoted for the other testing requirements, and you get between \$755 and \$1,005 per batch test.

That is absurd, this alone is a good enough reason to vote this bill down.

Nevermind the costs that would be required for a mandatory tracking system.

Cannabis farmers should be allowed to use their own tracking systems for all stages of plant growth. The state shouldn't be dictating how they do it.

If this bill passes, it will be the nail in the coffin of Maine's medical cannabis program.

With that said, I ask you all to vote "No" on LD#1847.