

To Whom it may concern

Hello, I am James Dyer of Dyer Care LLC. I am writing to you today to oppose Maine LD1847. This is the proposal for METRC track & trace system implementation in the medical program. This proposal, as it's written, would effectively cripple small businesses such as ours. We operate this business, under approval of the state, entirely from our home. That is, we cultivate, extract, and process into edibles, marijuana in all of its stages for ourselves & our patients.

As mentioned in my LD ¹⁸⁴⁷~~104~~ opposition, these tests would simply be too costly for small businesses. If this bill passes we would effectively be required to complete 2-3 full panel tests before we can bring a batch of gummies to the market. For small businesses like us, a singular batch of Gummies consisting of just 10 mg of THC (The new proposed THC allowance) has a wholesale value of \$250. Testing requirements associated with creating a single batch of Gummies greatly exceed \$500.

When it comes to Track & Trace implementation, we simply don't have the free time. As it stands, this business is run by just my wife & I. Between the actual cultivation, extraction, & kitchen production we collectively contribute over 100 hours every week. On top of this, many caregivers are required to report EVERY sale to their banking institution, each month, alongside aggressive fees, or risk being excluded from conventionality. No other small business, including alcohol production, is required to strictly track their produce, let alone their associated funds & relay said information to multiple agencies. If you look at the numbers, caregivers are resigning at record rates, this industry is truly becoming harder & harder to navigate as it is. If we go forward with Track & Trace implementation, I can assure you many will be forced to resign simply due to the inability to conform.

Thank you for your consideration. James Dyer of Dyer Care LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.