

LD 1820 Testimony

Chairpersons, members of the committee,

I am writing to express my support for LD 1820.

First, the bill reclassifies all product transferred to manufacturing as biomass, to be taxed at the trim rate. This correction is long overdue. Taxing biomass inconsistently—especially when it's destined for extraction—has placed an unfair financial burden on operators. Biomass, by definition, includes various plant materials not suitable for direct sale, and it should be taxed accordingly. This change will bring much-needed consistency and fairness to our tax structure.

Second, LD 1820 removes excessive and unnecessary compliance measures related to authorized deliveries. These requirements have significantly increased operating costs and compliance complexity for retailers. Streamlining these rules will help legal businesses operate more efficiently while continuing to ensure accountability and safety.

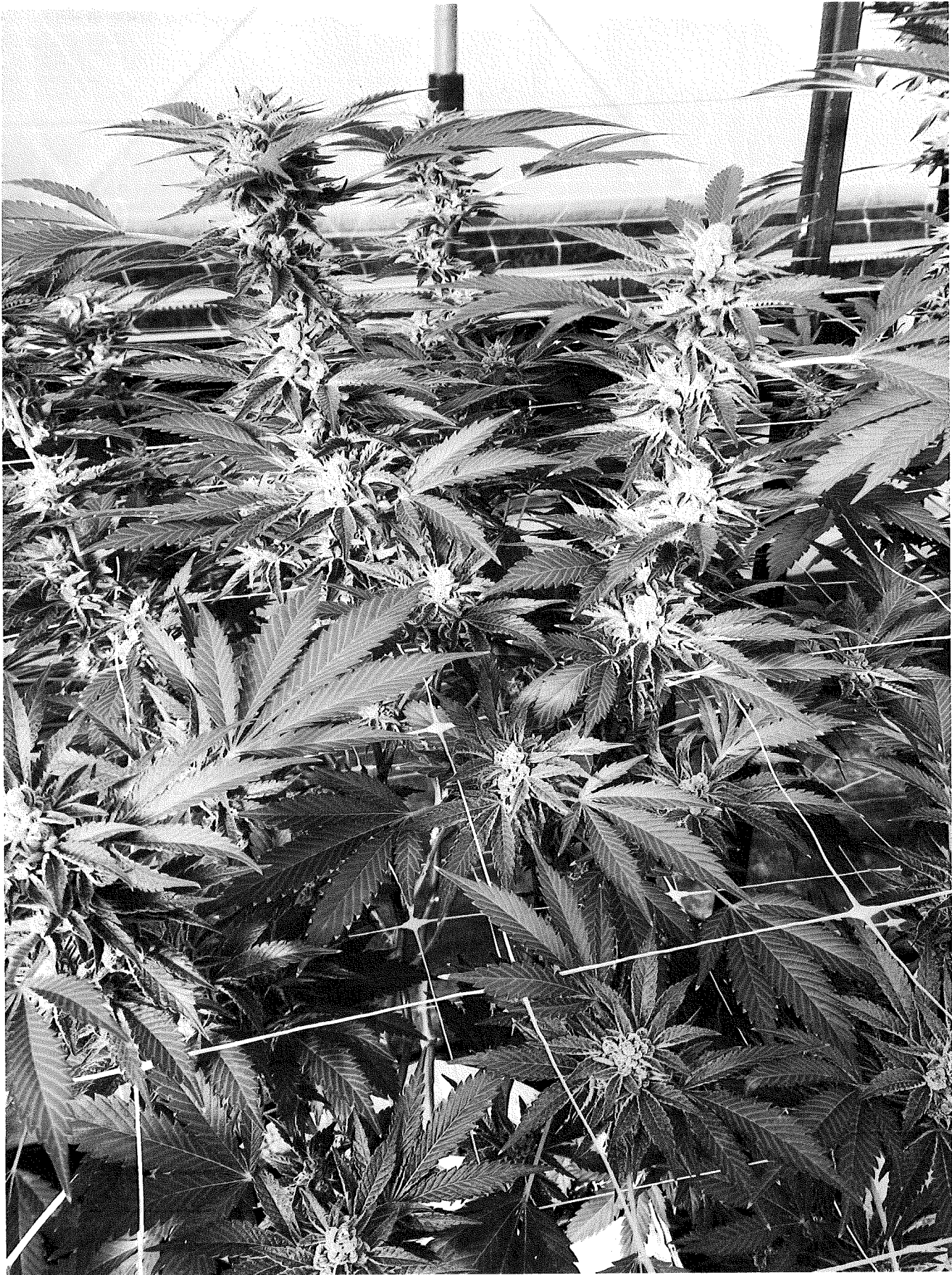
Finally, the bill upholds constitutional rights by preventing agencies from requiring licensees to sign documents that waive their rights protected under constitutional, statutory, or common law privileges. This is a crucial safeguard. No regulatory regime should come at the expense of basic civil liberties. This provision ensures fairness and legal integrity within the industry.

LD 1820 is a practical and balanced step forward. It improves tax fairness, reduces unnecessary burdens on legal operators, and defends the fundamental rights of Maine citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to support LD 1820

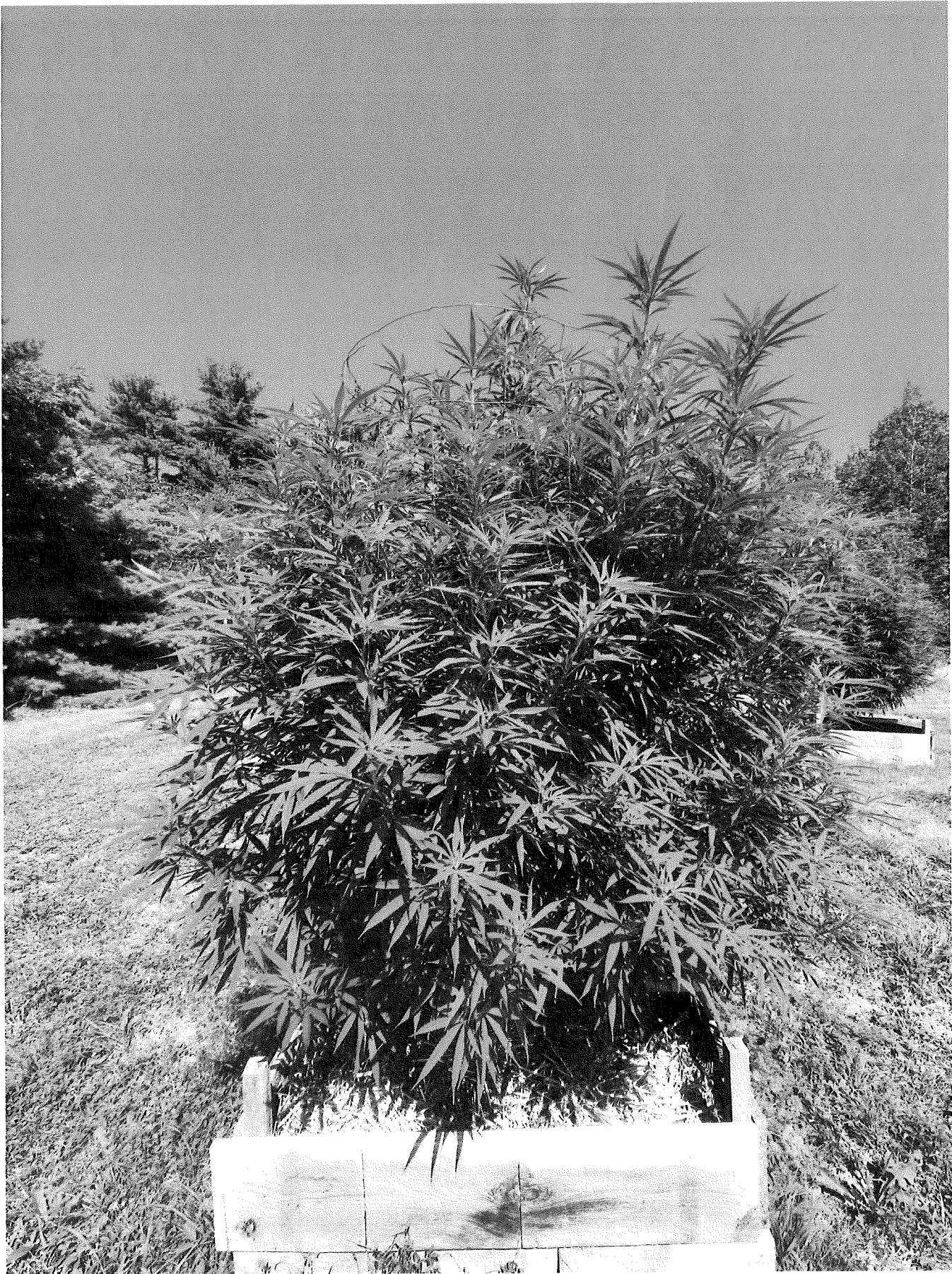


This is our greenhouse with no added lights. Even under a very cloudy sky this spring our plants still matured properly. We only added a little heat at night and harvested in the beginning of June.



This is a closeup of a mature
& healthy sungrown plant. This
plant would probably ~~not~~ fail

TYM testing.



This is a plant we grew outdoors as one of our individual Adult Use plants. Between my wife & I, we can grow 12 plants like this with no fence. Meanwhile my medical plants in my greenhouse must be surrounded by a large industrial chainlink fence. This makes no sense. Even if a child got into a crop & ate a bud they would not get high as the THC is only active when heated. They would simply get a slightly medicinal effect from the acid forms of these cannabinoids that contain no psychoactive components in its raw form.