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My Name is Boomer Simmons and I am a 26 year old tax paying resident of Sabattus Maine, 04280. I have worked in the medical Cannabis industry for almost 3 years, and have been a patient for 5. I medicate my adult diagnosed ADHD, PTSD, and chronic pain. After finding a medication that finally worked, and being able to self medicate through non pharma means, that most of all I can cultivate in my own yard, and have it be my 9-5 five days a week. Plants, and Science are my passion. Cultivating plants, whether it be for medicine or food, has given me happiness I never thought was possible. Whether it be cultivating plants or myself, I now strive to grow everyday, adapt to changes, and be resilient because of my connection to farming but more specifically cannabis.

In my short time in this field, I have met some great people, and been part of something incredibly special, unique, and most of all new. But it sparked a curiosity to history regarding the formations of industries. I have noticed that you as legislators are not able to see into the future, nor predict it. For example, when Standard Oil monopolized the oil industry we the people, and legislators were unable to deal with it until the people were already taken advantage of. Starting off the vast wealth gap in the United States.

Sun grown cannabis is truly the true expression of the plant. The plant evolved for millions of years to grow under the sun, where all things grow. There are 400+ molecular compounds in cannabis and THC, CBD being only two of them. To get a true expression of a plant, it needs the sun, it's not an opinion, it's a science. The light spectrum that is put off from our hydrogen based star is meant to grow the plants on our planet, not the industrial buildings that are driving up fossil fuel usage every year.

Sun grown is my goal. I am actively trying to be a part of this community, and want this to exist so I can live a childhood dream. I have an amazing opportunity to inherit a farm, and I want to continue the legacy but with a different crop. This is good for us, good for Maine, and most of all good for the planet.

I am fully in support of LD1897, HP1268