

Public testimony regarding LD1996

Thank you for the opportunity to speak regarding the future of the Maine Hemp program, specifically LD 1966 and the regulation of synthetic hemp-derived cannabinoids.

We are Chas and Linda from Merrymeeting Bay Hemp Company located in Bowdoinham Maine. We have been farming for over 30 years and have transitioned from cut flower and herbs into the CBD/Hemp business. We have been growing Hemp and producing products for 5 years which we sell at the farmers' market, some local stores and mail-order through our website.

We agree that there are products being sold that do not reflect the intent of the Hemp/CBD market. I hope that the new Federal Farm Bill will give guidance to this effect and the industry. In the absence of Federal guidance we support a working group to discuss regulation.

We sell full spectrum hemp products produced from our own plants with no synthesized cannabinoids. We produce a concentrate from these plants that is then used to create products. Many of our products do contain small amounts of THC but are all compliant with Federal regulations of under 0.3% by weight.

I am concerned that the moratorium as written will not solve the problem and could possibly effect the future of our business. The extract we produce exceeds the 0.3% THC level. We support the intent of the Bill but cannot support LD1996 as written.

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