

Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, members of the Committee on Health and Human Services – I am Michael Stuckmeyer, a resident of Portland writing in support LD 1582.

This is an important aspect of freedom from multiple perspectives. We need an expedited passage to grant psilocybin legal status for many culturally, mentally, and spiritually sound reasons. Psilocybin is a legal citizen freedom and liberty in the state of Oregon and legal in our sister city, the “other” Portland.

Maine needs to be a progressive and forward-minded state on the far northeastern tip of America mirroring our progressive westerly neighbor of Oregon. These actions would be completely based in Ronald Reagan’s Freedom of Religion Restoration Act of 1993.

It is time for Maine to be a truly progressive and release psilocybin from the Puritanical bondage that hinders and holds down true human mental and spiritual development for all levels of society. It’s important that we be able to perform research and more study for safe and effective use.

This naturopathic and holistic healing medicine is an essence of many cultures and humanity for many millennia - including Native Indigenous cultures and multiple European, Native American, and African cultures as spiritual pathways and medicine for thousands of years. It is time for Maine to truly be progressive and together we can move Maine from the puritanical 16th century and into the bright forward thinking of the 21st century.

Thank you.

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