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Hello, my name is Joshua Doyon and I am writing today in support of LD 421 to increase cultivation limits for Maine's medical cannabis caregivers. As is clearly seen from sales tax reports. Maine's medical cannabis patients overwhelmingly prefer caregivers over profit-hungry corporate dispensaries. Plant count limits are designed to tip the scales in favor of those publicly-traded corporations. In truth, there is no justifiable reason to arbitrarily limit the number of plants a caregiver can produce. It would seem silly to limit the number of meals a restaurant can serve, or to limit the number of packages UPS is allowed to deliver. The ONLY purpose of these restrictions is to unfairly tip the balance in favor of out-of-state corporations, at the expense of Maine people and small businesses. With that said, there should be no limit on the number of plants a caregiver can produce, but doubling the current limit would certainly be a positive step toward creating a more fair and equitable medical cannabis market in Maine. Last summer, the medical cannabis supply in Maine was dangerously low. Passing this bill will help to ensure that supply remains adequate which will in turn help to diminish the black market. Abundant supply will also serve to lower the cost of medicine for Maine's medical cannabis patients while providing a boost for Maine's economy and tax revenue. This bill will create jobs for Maine people and create a more equitable market within the industry. Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.