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Senator Louis Luchini, Chair
Representative Chris Caiazzo, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Dear Senator Luchini and Representative Caiazzo:

I am writing to inform you that our firm has been hired to represent the United Cannabis Coalition of Maine in their legislative efforts this Session on issues concerning statutory initiatives and regulatory policies that are related to medicinal or adult use marijuana industries.

I look forward to working with both of you and members of the Veterans and legal Affairs Committee in the weeks ahead to advance sound, reasonable, and equitable cannabis policy. Our client represents the collective interest of many of Maine's medicinal marijuana caregivers as they seek to sustain a viable medicinal cannabis market for the residents of Maine.

Today, I would ask that the Committee pass favorably on:

(1) LD 421, An Act to Increase the Number of Plants a Medical Marijuana Caregiver May Cultivate, Rep. Benjamin Collins, sponsor.

This bill would authorize an increase in the number of mature marijuana plants from 30 to 60, and the number of immature marijuana plants from 60 to 120 plants. I would also note that the language should have included an increase in the square footage of the plant canopy from 500 square feet to 1,000.

This increase would allow Caregivers to increase their businesses, hire more employees, and pay more taxes to the General Fund. This is a common sense pro-business bill to aid in the growing cannabis industry in Maine.

I urge you to pass LD 421 and would welcome your invitation if our firm can be of assistance to your deliberation during the workshops.

Best regards,

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