

Carl Hagan
Green Xtrax Farms LLC

Dear committee,

My name is Carl Hagan. I am a caregiver in Parsonsfield operating as Green Xtrax Farms LLC. We are an organic cannabis farm that specializes in growing cannabis for the purpose of being extracted into oil. At 18 years old I had a tumor the size of a cantaloupe removed from my lower spine, sacrum, and pelvis. I now suffer from severe neurological issues and no medication or therapy can relieve my ailments the way cannabis oil can. I have a very deep connection with cannabis oil because of this experience and I credit it with "saving my life", as in saving me from being dependent on pharmaceuticals like opioids as well as giving me a purpose: making and sharing this miracle oil with others who are suffering. My goal in this business, and my life, is simple: make and share organic cannabis oil legally with people who need it while making enough income to support myself and my family. Growing cannabis outside under the sun is the most economical way to produce cannabis oil. Due to the Maine climate, cannabis farmers have a limited time to grow outdoor cannabis and we are limited by state law to only being able to grow 30 mature plants at one time. This is simply not enough plants to support a "soil to oil" operation. This business model is only profitable if plant count limits are increased and caregivers are allowed to use their licenses together as "collectives" to scale up and operate more economically. Do you think an olive oil manufacturer can make a living and support a business with the oil from just 30 olive trees? No, he needs a whole orchard and a team of other professionals to help him make that business successful. This is what I envision for Green Xtrax Farms and all the other "soil to oil" farmers in Maine. Cannabis is one of the highest grossing commodities in Maine and generates a lot of tax revenue. Increasing the limit on plants would generate more tax revenue and more jobs, both of which would help our state's economy recover faster from the current economic crisis caused by Covid-19. Increasing caregiver plant limits is a win-win for the state of Maine, caregivers, their employees and patients, as well as their local communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Carl Hagan
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