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Dear Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Chad Hall I own and operate a caregiver storefront in Lewiston Me which was established end of 2018 and I've been a caregiver since 2016. I'm also a natural Maine citizen and I've been a small business owner since 2008. My testimony today concerns LD421 an act to increase the amount a medical caregiver may cultivate. I fully support this bill's implementation. This bill will cost the state zero dollars to enact and it will create countless jobs. It will also increase business for local supply and service related companies that work hand in hand with growers. Double the plants equals a lot more sale and a lot more sales tax generated helping the state even more than we already are. With over regulation and even more being proposed costs are just going up making the prices for patients to become astronomical. This bill means more licensed plants helping to balance increased expenses and therefore leading to costs staying fair for patients. Last year the supply chain was dangerously low when vacationers came to Maine and this upcoming year supply is expected to become much lower but with this bill enactment this could be avoided which only benefits everyone. It's unfortunate but the black market is still thriving and only growing due to over regulation which has driven patients and also adult use customers to find illegal options due to the costs being so high and only going up. Personally the majority of my patients are not wealthy and the current costs for most products are just too high. I struggle to keep affordable but also quality products on my shelves for them. This bill would be a step in the right direction allowing for more affordable products keeping these patients supplied and avoiding the black market all together.

Sincerely,

Chad Hall