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To whom it may concern on the VLA.

I am writing to you in favor of Bill Ld421. Increasing our plant count would make it so medical growers like myself would be able to compete against these larger corporate cannabis companies that are coming into Maine who can afford to build large grows and pay for the licensing. As you may or may not know we local medical cannabis business owners cannot get bank loans or money from our buddies from the stock market to mature our businesses, everything comes directly out of our own pockets/savings. So increasing our number of plants that we can harvest and Flower will give us an opportunity to make more revenue and build our businesses up, at the same time giving the state more in tax revenue and putting more income into our communities. Also by increasing our plant count we would be able to keep up with the amount of medicine our patients, at the same time lowering costs. It takes a large amount of cannabis flower to make oils and tinctures and the state saw a drought last year because the medical community cannot produce enough by law. Now is the time more than ever that the state should be supporting small businesses and doing whatever they can to lift them up and this bill would be a f step in helping us small medical businesses stay helping our communities.

Thank you for your time . Matthew Lee