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LD 882- An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Dear Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Samantha Brown from South Berwick. I am opposing LD 882.

I testify as a parent of a child patient with a pharmaceutical resistant catastrophic seizure condition. I support patient access to their caregivers and I support small business.

This bill creates large fines that would debilitate a small caregiver . No warnings. These new fees and penalties are in addition to other civil or criminal penalties pursuant to other laws and rules.

It enforces department rules for track and trace, in which I recently had a conversation with one of the legislators who worked on the bill admit that track and trace was added into the bill in order to gain something else. It was a total negotiation. This isn't about safety, and most of everyone here knows it.

It allows law enforcements in gardens. This community has been fighting this topic for years. How can one be criminal over a safe plant? Because of fear driven campaigns and people in your seats.

It further authorizes the department to adopt more rules. I keep hearing the justification of the absurd rules that the department needs to create rules of the laws that the legislature passed. Well, that starts here in this committee.

With influences from Lobbyists of large corporations, the Legislature has been trying to fix something that was never broken.

That concludes my testimony.

Thank you for your time,

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