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I am writing in opposition of LD 882.

This bill goes way too far with its broad powers and with the extremely punitive fee structure it includes for 'violations' that wouldn't actually harm the public health or safety. This bill, combined with the OMP's awful Proposed Rules, would give the OMP free reign to push people out of the program with impunity. No industry in Maine outside of the Adult Use program has anything approaching the fines proposed by the OMP in this bill. The OMP seems to believe there is a dire need for a 'crackdown' on this community without any data or justification for dismantling the incredible homegrown program that Mainers have built.

The bill also fails to define what exactly constitutes the violations that would lead to specific fines, giving the OMP enormous leeway for interpretation and abuse of this punitive structure.