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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition to LD 939, An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access

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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Kate Dufour and I am providing testimony in opposition to LD 939 on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials are concerned that allowing registered caregivers to transfer an unlimited number of mature marijuana plants to another caregiver or dispensary will result in the establishment of caregiver cultivation facilities.

If caregivers are seeking the authority to operate cultivation facilities similar to that authorized under the adult use marijuana statute, this bill should be amended to authorize medical marijuana cultivation facilities and subject those operations to the same local opt in requirements and regulations placed on caregiver stores, registered dispensaries, manufacturing facilities, or testing facilities.

From the municipal perspective, this amendment would effectively allow caregivers to operate cultivation facilities, unfettered by local opt in requirements and regulations specifically limiting operations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.