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I am writing as an owner of a medical marijuana company to oppose LD 882. I am here to oppose this bill due to very simple reasons. I feel that with this bill, the OMP will have too much power. As caregivers, we already submit our information to OMP for background checks and money for our licensing. I understand them being able to revoke a license but to be able to enforce fines seems a bit out of control. All of the "violations" in the proposed bill does not harm the public health and safety. I haven't heard or seen data that backs up the idea of needed to be regulated in this way.

I have worked with the state with our other businesses and they have always been happy and willing to help with any administrative or paperwork mistakes. Reading that the OMP can fine you up to \$10,000 for an administrative mistake in track to trace is obscene. If you look at Maine laws possessing Heroin, Cocaine and other drugs can reach only to a \$5,000 fine (with jail time as well). Assault with a deadly weapon poses a \$20,000 fine. This could easily bankrupt your small grower for one simple mistake. It feels that OMP is taking their power and scaring the individuals and caretakers. I do not feel that they are on the medical marijuana community's side.

Why as an organization are you pushing us away? I understand the need to feel that this will not get out of control but all you are doing is putting a wedge between the community and yourself. I know when we had our inspection, the individual from the state was very down to earth and understanding. He praised us for some things and then helped us correct others. I felt like he was there for us as a community. I do not feel this from OMP.