

Debra Lowtwait  
Union, Maine

I write today to emphatically support LD 939, introduced by my own district legislators Rep. Pluecker and Sen. Miramant and other allies of the successful MMMP.

Notably important to the operation of my business is the repeal of the 25% retail requirement. My company primarily works in the wholesale space while supporting a limited number of patients, some of whom have extensive disabilities. Eliminating this requirement would not very likely significantly affect the balance of medicine sold in wholesale vs. directly to patients for my company. The benefit comes in NOT having to painstakingly track this information and stress over exact numbers. Managing my company, tending to special needs patients, and creating custom formulas for those individuals is a full-time job as it stands. With this change, I can focus on the purpose of the program, creating effective cannabis products for Mainers.

Additionally, I am pleased to see the 3rd party audit requirement repealed. In light of the thorough inspection processes we have in the MMMP, this requirement seems redundant, not to mention onerous.

Lastly, it would be nice to see the canopy fees and plant number fees in greater alignment.

My final comment is a plea to compel the OMP to complete the small business impact study as required by law regarding the proposed rules. They are rooted in bad advice from outside, special interest consultants and do not fit the uniquely successful program here in Maine.

Thank you all for your time and service.