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Support of LD 939

Dear Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo & esteemed members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

I am here today to testify in support of LD 939. Repealing the 75% wholesale transfer limit for caregivers is an important step in giving caregivers basic business rights that are available to business owners in nearly every other industry. The 75% number was chosen arbitrarily, and while it helped greatly during the rise in popularity of caregiver stores in the Maine medical market, it is time to adjust the language to allow for 100% wholesale transfer. A caregiver should have the ability to choose to focus on production rather than customer interaction.

Adjusting the fee structure for caregivers cultivating under a canopy license is also particularly important for some of the smaller caregiver cultivation operations in Maine. The fee structure for 500 sq ft of canopy is particularly skewed. Currently there are compliant caregivers cultivating their 30 plants in thousands of square feet and paying \$1,200 in license fees. There are also caregivers cultivating in under 500 sq ft of space paying upwards of \$8,000 in license fees. In either scenario, it is possible to maximize the yield per square foot to be approximately the same. Since the yield is determined more so by the square footage than the plant count, it is logical for the license fees to reflect that. There is not enough revenue to be made in 500 sq ft of cultivation space to warrant paying greater than \$1,500 in license fees.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present these bits of industry insight and for taking them into consideration while you consider LD 939.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex McMahan', written over a faint rectangular background.

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