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Testimony Presenting LD 525
"An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space"

Good morning Sen. Luchini, Rep. Caiazzo, and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Dave Miramant, and I proudly represent all of the people of Appleton, Camden, Criehaven, Cushing, Friendship, Hope, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Owl's Head, Rockland, Rockport, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Vinalhaven and Warren in the Maine Senate.

I come before you today to present LD 525, An Act To Allow Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space.

Our Medical Marijuana program has been a great success and a model for other states. The practitioners are professional and have become very knowledgeable about their products and how to serve their patients.

As we expand the Adult-Use program, it makes sense that those practitioners add the ability to sell the products they have developed to those who would use them for their own pleasure. The Medical Marijuana growers have refined their skills and can provide a product with characteristics that they know from using it with their patients. It makes sense that since they already have a location to sell from they be able to use that same space for the sale and education of Adult-Use marijuana.

This bill requires a separate cash register or point of sale system since there are different rules for each program. The handling and taxation of the products are defined so I can not see any reason to have multiple spaces.

It would also be a waste of resources and energy, a doubling of security efforts, and an additional burden on these small businesses that are trying to make life better for the people they serve.

Thank you for your consideration, I am glad to answer questions if I can.