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Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Samantha Brown from South Berwick.

My daughter 9 year old daughter is a medical cannabis patient for her pharmaceutical resistant catastrophic seizure condition. She depends on the medical marijuana program. I am co founder of Maine Children for Cannabis Therapy, and co-chair for Maine Cannabis Coalition.

I testify in support of LD1242.

The corporate lobbyist filled Office of Marijuana Policy is creating major substantive rule changes, when they are only granted minor technical rules. The department has never done anything significant in our favor despite procedural public hearing process when the patient and caregiver community lined up for hours to testify. They do not listen to us. Why would they? They work for corporate cannabis. As representatives of the people of Maine what are you going to do to keep the department accountable for their actions? LD1242 brings a chance for the legislators to have a say. This bill gives you a chance to help the medical marijuana program; small business and patients. I think your vote on this will tell us whether you support us or not.

LD 1242 also helps take out their weak argument to have their expensive and ridiculous government overreach of seed to sale tracking which will crush small caregivers.

LD 1319 An Act Regarding Registered Dispensaries and Rules under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Definition of "Resident" in the Marijuana Legalization Act

I am in support of LD 1319 for the same reasons as LD 1242.

It creates a Moratorium hold. These bills give us a chance to save the program from the destruction the department has created.

In conclusion, the survival of the medical marijuana program, small caregiver business and patients medicine depend on LD1319 and LD1242. Please support with an Ought to Pass.

Thank you,
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