



## Plant & Flask

My name is Gary Ickes. I live in Smithfield, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 1242 and any other bills that call for the inclusion of Maine's MMP stakeholders in the development of rules governing this program.

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I am writing today to let you know about what is happening in the MMP on a voluntary and collaborative basis. It is this type of understanding that would be heard if MMP stakeholders were being engaged by OMP and others in new rule-making development.

As a scientist, and a Mainer, I have seen a need for the creation and endorsement of a set of digital tools that will allow for compliance and accountability for caregivers of all skill levels.

Maine's MMP licensed caregivers of different skill levels are making various products in home-based production spaces. As the Maine cannabis market grows, so does the need for consistency and safety. Not all caregivers are at the same level of product production skill; though every caregiver matters to someone.

Safety compliance standards in the cannabis space are necessarily raising. While good for the end-user, it may require a technical skill level that is not generally attainable across all caregivers. This gradual displacement of home caregivers may be avoidable if certain tools are available to help guide predictable results within a reasonable margin of error.

The beginnings of a formulation calculator are represented below. This simple spreadsheet will evolve into a resource to allow caregivers of most skill levels to create products with a high degree of consistency, accuracy, and accountability.

