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I am in favor of Ld 1242

I would like to say that we must require any rules coming out of the OMP have oversight by the esteemed members of the VLA. These rules seem like an attack on a very new industry. This is the number two cash crop in the state and the OMP has shown their intent by hiring a company that destroyed the medical program in Washington state.

My son was diagnosed with severe autism at 2. He was a very happy child that was super interactive and loved attention. One day at 18 months I lost him in a deep fog. He was all but gone and there was no help from his doctor. Dawson Julia brought me in for a meeting and explained to me the benefits of thc and cbd for autistic children. I hadn't made eye contact with my son for 10 months. I saw Dr Sulak and got my son his medical card. That day my son got his first dose of thc. Five hours after his first dose, he walked up to me and put his hands on my face looked me in the eyes and smiled.

There are parents that have similar stories that fled Washington state and came to Maine because of our amazing medical program and great people in the grassroots like Dawson and Susan who have helped many.

Eric admitted to me on live testimony through the OMP that he did hire the exact company that chased sick children from Washington. The same company that owns the seed to sale tracking that they are trying to shove down our throats in every bill they can. I am sure you can see the connection and when he mentions nations best practices, please remember the company that gave him that phrase to say over and over was hired to destroy the medical program just like in Washington. Best practices, I think not.

We need to have caregivers, patients, nurse practitioner, and cannabis doctors writing our rules. We don't need out of state companies telling Mainers how to take care of pediatric patients and our veterans who desperately need our program to flourish.

We are willing to fight this but, I find it very sad that I have to be up all hours of the night working on saving this industry with other parents of pediatric patients. The fact is these children are very sensitive to our energy. I was on the phone preparing for testimony one night around midnight and heard Samantha Brown's daughter having a seizure. We as parents and our children don't need this extra stress. It's hard to understand if you don't see it but please understand it is super unnecessary to have to fight for mine and other children's medicine every year.