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LD 1840

Testimony in Support of LD 1840 – An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

Dear Chairs, Members of the Committee, and fellow Mainers,

My name is Adam, and I am writing in strong support of LD 1840.

Maine's medical cannabis program has long been a model of patient-first access, local empowerment, and small business opportunity. LD 1840 is a crucial piece of legislation that helps preserve that spirit by making necessary amendments to protect and strengthen the rights of patients, caregivers, and small producers.

We are at a critical point where overregulation and corporate pressure threaten the foundation of this program. LD 1840 helps correct course by reaffirming that medical cannabis is not just a commodity—it is a tool of care and wellness. This bill supports a system that recognizes the difference between medical and recreational markets, and it helps ensure that patients continue to have access to affordable, consistent, and high-quality medicine from trusted sources.

Small caregivers are the backbone of this program. They offer personalized service, strain-specific knowledge, and often go above and beyond to meet the needs of their patients. Burdening them with costly compliance demands or treating them like large commercial operations only drives them out and leaves patients with fewer, less personal options. LD 1840 supports fair treatment of caregivers and allows the program to function as it was originally intended — community-based, compassionate, and patient-driven.

At the same time, LD 1840 aims to provide clarity and consistency in regulation, helping avoid confusion or uneven enforcement. A well-defined legal framework benefits everyone — from caregivers to municipalities to the patients who rely on them.

In summary, LD 1840 is about maintaining access, protecting local growers and caregivers, and ensuring that medical cannabis in Maine continues to serve those who need it most. I urge you to support this bill and stand with the thousands of patients and providers who have built this program with care and integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Adam