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Good morning,

My name is Max Blickstein, I'm a resident of Silver Spring MD and I'm a cannabis industry worker testifying against the passing of this bill. My industry cohort recognizes the great state of Maine as a beacon for cannabis quality and small business on the east coast and in America at large. Producers from Maine take care of patients with needs from all over because the med card reciprocity and I95 make travel convenient. The reason we trust Maine product is because the farmers stand ten toes down with their quality control; the affordability is a great bonus. The current level of latitude given to producers that treats them as the subject matter experts they are is what has gotten Maine producers the reputation of quality. Mandatory testing only serves to consolidate the cannabis market to the interests of big business by significantly raising the barrier to entry. In states where testing is commonplace, consumers only buy based on numbers, not the full effort of the farmers like in Maine, which supports the small business community. The passage of this bill will be a disaster to the businesses, employees, patients and communities which depend on the industry. This is an industry ending bill with consequences that reach further than the checkout line. Thank you for your time.