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Mandatory testing is unreasonable. Grocery stores sell moldy fruits and vegetables without consequence (you know, those things that people consume at a far higher rate than cannabis). Cannabis has never been safer than it is right now, and there was never a public health crisis to speak of throughout the history of cannabis consumption. Increased regulation will only bolster the illicit market (the thing the state claims to be fighting against, although I see very little being done about illegal Chinese grows, even though those are the operations that have the least-safe cannabis). Testing is so far from standardized as a practice. If you send the same exact batch of flower to multiple testing facilities, you will get different results from each. Testing clearly doesn't work as effectively as the state believes if ANY flower on the shelves of the adult-use market tests for mold or pesticides. Cannabis users clearly trust medical marijuana products if we continue to see a year over year increase in printed patient cards. Medical sales beat out adult use sales last year, according to information I got from the states website. Stop trying to fix something that isn't broken. This looks like the motive is to kill off as many small operators as possible so that there are less businesses to monitor. Or, government officials are being paid off to push these rules through. Or, this is wild incompetence by the state. Nothing else makes sense. You're manufacturing a problem that doesn't exist exclusively in the medical cannabis market, yet the state is only trying to address it here. Do the right thing. Leave our program alone.