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LD 104

Good morning, members of the law committee

I am writing to you today in Strong opposition of Bill LD 104 .

While the intent of LD104 is to ensure the safety and quality of cannabis products, the implementation of its provisions could have unintended consequences for existing small cannabis businesses in Maine. The financial and operational challenges posed by the bill may threaten the sustainability of these enterprises and disrupt the state's cannabis industry landscape.

Small-scale cannabis businesses will incur the financial burden imposed by the mandatory testing protocols.

The costs associated with testing each batch can be substantial, potentially jeopardizing the viability of these operations .

The state's existing cannabis testing laboratories may lack the capacity to handle the increased demand resulting from the bill's requirements. This bottleneck could lead to delays in product availability, affecting both businesses and consumers alike.

If this bill passes it could dismantle Maine's medical cannabis sector, which has been integral to the state's rural economy and community well-being. The added regulatory pressures may force small providers out of the market.

These stringent testing requirements could inadvertently drive consumers and small operators toward the unregulated market, undermining the state's efforts to control and benefit cannabis sales.

I urge you not to pass bill LD104

Thank you for your time.