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LD 104

DO NOT PASS

I am testifying in strong opposition to Bills LD 104 and LD 1847. These bills would devastate Maine's medical marijuana program, a system that has supported patients, caregivers, and small farms for decades. To eliminate the medical side in favor of recreational-only use is not only anti-Maine—it is anti-farmer, anti-patient, and anti-small business.

This change would rob hardworking Mainers who have poured their lives, time, and resources into building careers around compassionate care and small-scale cultivation. These are not faceless corporations; these are our neighbors, our friends, and our community members who followed the rules, invested in their futures, and built businesses that provide medicine and jobs.

Paving the way for a recreational-only system will hand this industry over to large, out-of-state corporations with deep pockets, shutting out the very people who built it from the ground up. It will destroy countless small businesses and caregivers while reducing access for patients who rely on tailored, affordable medical cannabis.

Maine's medical marijuana program is a model of grassroots success. To dismantle it now would be a betrayal of everything it stands for. Do not pass these bills. Protect our people, our farms, and our freedom to choose.