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Both of these bills (104 and 1847) would be destructive to the entire state of maine. If these bills go thru what will happen is small mom and pop business will suffer from the burden of additional expense while larger corporations will thrive. Those small mom and pop business do three important things - they create local jobs, they spend locally and they bring out or state money in via the quality that we have in the maine med program that cannot be found elsewhere. Those small mom and pop businesses prop up local economy in these three ways.

Alternatively, if this is passed, the businesses that will survive are those with the capital to do, those businesses being multi-state operators and wallstreet owned. They will not support local economy beyond the jobs they create simply because the owners do not live here and the profits will not stay here. They will quickly hemorrhage domestic maine capital and take it elsewhere. In addition they will not drive out of state money into Maine the way the medical program currently does. People far and wide drive from all over the country to come to maine for access to clean medical cannabis that can't be found elsewhere. While here they spend money on hotels, restaurants and other local business, propping up our economy.

If we implement testing and metrc, we will put many of the small caregivers of maine out of business via burdensome expenses and while doing so we will deteriorate the quality meds patients have access too and bottle neck Maines economy.