

Testimony Opposing L.D. 104
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Chairpersons and members of the committee,

My name is Travis Lebrun, and I represent Living Matter, a licensed organic cannabis cultivator in Maine. I'm here today to respectfully oppose L.D. 104—not because I disagree with the need for oversight, but because this bill creates burdens that harm small, responsible businesses while failing to fix the core issues in the current system.

At the heart of this bill is a push for increased testing and compliance. But the reality on the ground is that lab results in Maine are inconsistent. The same product can pass at one lab and fail at another. Yet even products that initially fail testing can still be remediated and ultimately sold to consumers. If the goal is public safety, this inconsistency undercuts that very mission.

As an organic grower, I face additional challenges. Our cultivation methods rely on living soil, natural ferments, and probiotics—tools that promote sustainability and avoid chemical use. However, current testing protocols cannot distinguish between beneficial microbes and harmful pathogens. As a result, clean, organic inputs are often flagged, despite posing no health risk. This penalizes growers who are doing the right thing.

L.D. 104, as written, makes it harder—not easier—for small, conscientious farmers to survive. It increases costs, expands regulatory confusion, and creates barriers for those practicing regenerative agriculture. Instead of encouraging responsible farming, this bill adds weight to an already imbalanced system.

We need smarter oversight—not heavier-handed regulation. Before increasing testing requirements, we must first ensure our laboratory infrastructure is accurate, consistent, and based in sound science. And we must make sure that organic and sustainable practices are encouraged—not discouraged—by our state's policies.

I urge you to vote *no* on L.D. 104 in its current form. Let's work together toward a regulatory framework that supports fairness, science, and Maine's craft cannabis community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.