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LD 104

I oppose LD 104 because it would negatively impact small businesses of Maine. I know that sometimes we think regulation is the best answer to solve a problem but it could actually lead to more harm.

Usually an over regulation of the market drives more business to the black market. We would see an increase in usage of the synthetic THC products available online or in corner stores. First off, there are no cannabinoids in these products that actually help someone so it isn't a good start. These products are also not tested for heavy lead or arsenic. The concerned people in support of this bill never think of the actual result when people are cut off from a product. They eventually find access to a much less safe product. We already have a huge fentanyl problem in Maine, lets take care of that first before we apply a broken testing system on small businesses in Maine.

Just for an argument sake;

As an adult who has the ability to buy cigarettes, which are addictive and known to be cancerous, are also rarely tested for arsenic or lead, let alone TYM, I'm still allowed to buy them, without having to look at a science report. So the state either has the programs backwards or I'm crazy. But I should be able to buy cannabis in of the markets in Maine; adult or medical, where testing is not mandatory on the program. Whether you want to rewrite the programs or not is up for debate, but something doesn't make sense. The least amount of work is to leave the programs alone.

And also, if the other side of the isle is mostly concerned with proper dosing, then just go to the adult use market if that is what they trust. I believe in a free market and I think the fact that Maine is unlike any other state with consideration to having two completely different programs is one reason why people still move here even though the electric prices are high, and real estate isn't cheap anymore. I have lived here for 10 years and it's not getting easier. I trust my farmers when they grow my food organically and there are so many issues with the testing program, not only should it NOT be forced in medical but it should be reconsidered for adult use.

Thank you for your time. I strongly oppose LD 104.