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LD 104

Dear Esteemed Members of Maine's Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your instrumental role in building Maine's thriving cannabis industry — a true success story that has positioned our state as an international leader in quality cannabis outcomes. Your forward-thinking policies have fostered a robust market where both adult use and medical cannabis programs flourish, creating an industry that is not only economically significant but also a source of pride for Maine.

The numbers tell a compelling story: medical cannabis ranks among Maine's largest industries in terms of business ownership, surpassed only by our iconic lobster fishing trade. This sector supports a vibrant community of entrepreneurs, innovators and small business owners, driving economic growth and reinforcing Maine's unique character. The regulatory framework you've established has been key to this success, ensuring quality and accessibility that sets Maine's cannabis apart on a global stage.

Every day, this industry delivers tangible benefits to our communities. Medical cannabis provides patients with safe, effective relief from chronic pain, illness, and other conditions—improving lives and offering hope to countless Mainers. This is a direct result of the compassionate and practical system you've helped create.

However, I am deeply troubled by Bills LD 104 and LD 1847, which threaten to unravel this progress. These bills represent a dramatic step backward, potentially even destroying one of the largest small and medium-sized business industries in our state without ensuring any rationally positive outcome. With 110,000 Maine residents PAYING for access annually to participate in the medical cannabis program, the stakes couldn't be higher. These are not just patients—they are resident voters and consumers who spend money, contributing significantly to our economy and voicing their priorities at the ballot box. Disrupting this industry risks not only their access to care but also the livelihoods of the businesses that depend on this market.

The current system works because it balances regulation with opportunity, allowing Maine's cannabis industry to thrive responsibly. Bills LD 104 and LD 1847 jeopardize this delicate balance, and I urge you to consider the devastating consequences they could bring. We cannot afford to sacrifice an industry that supports so many, sustains local economies, and serves more than 10% of our adult population.

I respectfully ask that you continue to champion the policies that have made Maine a model for others to follow. I strongly urge you to reject Bills LD 104 and LD 1847, please scrutinize their impact carefully, and to protect the small businesses and residents who rely on this industry. Your leadership has built something extraordinary, let's keep it thriving for the benefit of all Mainers.

Thank you for your dedication to a prosperous and compassionate Maine. With your continued support, I am confident that our cannabis industry will remain a beacon of success and a source of pride for years to come.

Sincerely,
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