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With over a decade of experience working in the industry, both adult use and medical, I've seen firsthand how over regulation—like expanded testing, track-and-trace, and potency limits—drive up costs for small farms across the board. Originally starting my career on the west coast, I've seen states that hyperregulate, run by those who can pay to play, pay to keep up with the unethical and uneducated standard set in place by OCP/METRC over a plant that's yet to be fully understood.

We already follow strict cleanliness, documentation, and quality standards. Every added layer—SKU testing, digital tracking systems, compliance hours—drives overall operating costs through the roof, making it hard for many of us to exist and continue to provide the medical assistance that we do to this community.

Worse, these policies don't actually prevent contamination. Other states with stricter testing still see unsafe products. Meanwhile, large corporations absorb the costs and squeeze out the small, local operators who built this industry the right way.

Cannabis should be treated like agriculture—not regulated into the hands of monopolies. As a unified people, we reject these harmful proposals and wish to protect the people who grow clean, effective medicine every day.