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LD 104

Dear Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on LD 104.

Maine's caregiver system was built on access, trust, and patient-focused care. LD 104 abandons those values in favor of a regulatory framework modeled after large-scale commercial systems—systems that have consistently failed to serve patients in other states as well as our own adult use program. Mandatory testing is cost-prohibitive, scientifically inconsistent, and structurally biased toward corporate operations that can manipulate tests and absorb or offload compliance costs.

Cannabis testing is fundamentally flawed. Lab results are inconsistent and non-standardized, encouraging practices like lab shopping, selective sampling, and remediation—all of which distort and degrade the true quality of a product. Worse, the testing process does not distinguish between harmful pathogens and beneficial microbes, penalizing organic and living-soil growers who rely on healthy biological systems to produce clean, full-spectrum medicine.

These requirements don't create safer products—they create financial and regulatory barriers that will force small caregivers out of the market. And with them will go the diversity, transparency, and patient-centered care that define Maine's program. Fewer caregivers means fewer choices, higher costs, and more consolidation by large players who are not accountable to their patients, but to profit.

The unintended consequence of LD 104 is the erosion of a model that works. It will shrink access, drive up prices, and eliminate the very cultivators producing some of the cleanest, most intentional cannabis in the state.

Please do not let that happen. Reject LD 104 and protect the patients, caregivers, and communities that make Maine's program what it is.

Sincerely,
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