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LD104 Ought not to pass

As a youth, I wish I had been shown cannabis for my mental health instead of pharmaceuticals, which caused severe side effects. It's a shame that the same pediatric doctors who prescribed me harmful, life-altering medications are advocating against medical cannabis for pediatric patients who could possibly benefit. There is insufficient data-driven research to justify LD 1847's regulations based on "public safety."

Forced testing = \$505 per strain, that cost will kill small businesses. The market pound average has tanked over the years down to \$1,000-\$1,500. It would be almost impossible for anybody to operate with the increased testing cost. Maine labs currently do not differentiate between beneficial and harmful bacteria in mold and microbial tests. Powdery Mildew, one of the most common issues with cannabis, would not fail a test if present.

PFAS testing is out of touch with reality. There are numerous government programs cannabis farmers would not have access to around PFAS. Testing is extremely expensive, and not fully accurate. There is PFAS on everything, clothing, receipt paper, in the air.

OCP itself has stated they cannot handle setting up and managing an online testing/tracking portal of any form.

MERTC is being sued and investigated in multiple states around the country for not actually being a secure track and trace program. Paying tax payer money, to force growers to use a faulty system, does not benefit Maine.

Medical already has a form of tracking through Trip Tickets & sale logs. OCP can audit those during inspections.

I hate seeing wasteful cannabis packaging ending up as pollution in our beautiful vacationland state. We do not need more packaging/sticker requirements further increasing this already growing issue.

Tagging plants is a giant waste of plastic. And benefits no one but the companies that produce them.

Transaction and dose limits restrict consumers' personal autonomy. Individuals have unique tolerances, as seen with alcohol, tobacco, or medicine, and should determine their own limits. Individuals have unique tolerances, as seen with alcohol, tobacco, or medicine, and should determine their own consumption limits.

Maine is the only state to resist over-regulatory testing requirements and should remain the gold standard by proving our cannabis is safe without mandatory testing. Maine has no increase in deaths or hospital visits compared to states with mandatory testing.