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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been employed in the Maine cannabis industry for the past five years. During this time, I have seen firsthand the rigorous testing standards required of producers in our state. Like many others in this industry, our company has always prioritized the health and safety of our consumers by focusing on producing clean, high-quality cannabis products.

To support this goal, we incorporated the use of cannabis decontamination technology developed by RAD Source Technologies. The specific system we use — the 420 Cannabis Decontamination System — is a proven, science-based method for microbial reduction that enhances product safety without compromising quality. More information about this technology is available here:

https://radsource.com/products/420-cannabis-decontamination-systems/
https://demandsafercannabis.com

Our staff, including myself, have been thoroughly trained in the safe operation of this equipment. We routinely monitor the system using Geiger counters and follow strict safety protocols to ensure a safe working environment. In addition, the unit is inspected every two years, as required by the State of Maine, by PCI Consultants – the designated Maine Quality Experts. These inspections evaluate compliance with 10-144A CMR 220 Part H: Radiation Safety Requirements for Analytical and Other Radiation Machines. The most recent inspection confirmed full compliance with all applicable safety standards, and recorded no detectable radiation levels during or after operation — all measurements were well below regulatory thresholds, including in the operator area. These findings demonstrate that the equipment poses no risk to our staff during use. Just as importantly, the process does not leave any residual radiation in the product itself, meaning it is completely safe for consumer use. This process merely neutralizes microbial contaminants without altering or contaminating the final product in any way. The consultants submitted no comments or recommendations, further validating the safety and integrity of both the machine and our decontamination process.

The proposed requirement to label cannabis products with a statement such as "This product has been treated with x-ray technology" is deeply concerning. This type of language is likely to alarm consumers, even though the technology is safe, effective, and widely used in other industries such as food, medicine, and blood sterilization. Without the proper context, the label may be misinterpreted, leading customers to wrongly assume that the product is unsafe or somehow inferior.

Such a misperception could unjustly damage consumer trust, harm our brand, and negatively impact our business — despite the fact that we are going above and beyond to ensure product safety. Mandatory labeling of this nature does not reflect the scientific reality of the technology, nor does it serve the public interest in a meaningful way.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this labeling requirement. Instead, we encourage the state to pursue educational outreach to help consumers understand the science and benefits behind this technology, rather than requiring misleading or fear-inducing language on product packaging.

Thank you for your time and consideration.