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As a husband and wife team of medical caregivers in the state of Maine, we oppose the institution of this bill. As soil growers, beneficial bacterias in soil, not only aid in our overall soil health, but are also necessary for pest control, eliminating the need for spraying ANYTHING on the medicine that we want to safely provide for our patients. We believe that these tests are not reliable enough to determine what is "safe" and what is "unsafe" for our patients. We also believe that instituting these tests will financially ruin our small farm. At a bare minimum this will cost us 25% of our annual income, and as much as 40%. As small farmers that believe in producing quality medication, this has the potential to cripple people like us who are already trying to compete with out of state financial influence. This bill will kill small farmers that put their earnings directly back into their community and their families. My wife and I left our careers at middle age because we wanted a simpler life, one that we can be proud that we have helped people in our community. We are not trying to get rich in this industry, but trying to make a difference and this bill will only support corporate greed, not community.