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I work at a medical cannabis dispensary, and I see firsthand how excessive regulations—like expanded testing, needless track-and-trace, and potency limits—drive up costs without improving safety. I have personally been in a recreational market that completely pushed the medical side out and it was/is horrible for medical patients with valid med cards. I caretake a veteran who is low income who also relies on medical cannabis for her everyday life and quality of life.

We already follow strict cleanliness, documentation, and quality standards. Every added layer—SKU testing, digital tracking systems, compliance hours—makes small farms like ours spend more to stay afloat. These costs hurt patients and threaten the survival of craft producers.

Worse, these policies don't actually prevent contamination. Other states with stricter testing still see unsafe products, I have seen it first hand, moldy flower, year+ old flower/ edibles. Meanwhile, large corporations absorb the costs and squeeze out the small, local operators who built this industry the right way as stated in my first.

Cannabis should be treated like agriculture—not regulated into the hands of monopolies. Please reject these harmful proposals and protect the people who grow clean, effective medicine every day. I came back home to Maine to get back into the cannabis industry that I loved because I was a part of an industry that was over regulated, oversaturated with MSOs that pump garbage and reap the benefits, while the patients we care about get nothing in return.