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LD 1365

Written Testimony in Support of LD 1365
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I am writing in strong support of LD 1365, which would allow licensed adult-use cannabis lounges in Maine.

At the end of the day, if people can go out and get belligerently drunk at a bar, they should absolutely be able to have a safe, designated space to consume cannabis together. This is a matter of fairness, normalization, and public health.

Cannabis is legal in Maine, but there are virtually no public places where adults can legally consume it. This disproportionately affects renters, tourists, and medical patients—especially those who cannot consume at home or in housing with restrictions. LD 1365 would create a respectful, regulated environment for responsible cannabis use, just like bars do for alcohol.

It's time to end the double standard. Alcohol has caused far more harm to public health and safety, yet it enjoys full social integration. Cannabis consumers deserve the same dignity and access to communal spaces—especially when we are talking about a plant that many use for wellness, creativity, and healing.

I urge the committee to support LD 1365 and give Mainers a place to gather, share, and consume cannabis safely and responsibly.

Sincerely,
Adam