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Members of the Maine Legislature:

We the undersigned law enforcement agencies write in support of LD 1847, *An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis And Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group.*

Maine is the only state in the country where medical cannabis is not required to be tested and tracked. And this has directly led to the dramatic rise and spread of illicit cannabis operations in Maine.

LD 1847 empowers the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP), and by extension the law enforcement agencies, to more consistently and safely protect Maine's residents by promoting regulatory consistency and making the tracking and testing of cannabis consistent across both the Adult Use and Medical Cannabis programs. Maine needs to create a bright line between the legal cannabis programs and the illicit markets to better allow law enforcement to do its job.

Maine already requires testing and tracking for products which fall under the Adult Use program, but over time these same safeguards have not been adopted for products which fall under the Medical Use umbrella. This bifurcation of Maine's programs, splitting cannabis and cannabis products by degree of oversight, is creating a dangerous blind spot in which black and gray markets continue to flourish. As a result, bad actors are succeeding in inappropriately working through the Medical Use infrastructure due to its lack of testing and tracking requirements. There is very little stopping a properly registered medical cannabis operator from purchasing illicit cannabis, which may very well be tainted by harmful contaminants, and introducing it into the legal medical marketplace. This is a threat to the safety of Maine's citizens, to the Medical Program participants, and to law enforcement officials themselves.

Untested and untracked cannabis products pose unnecessary risks to law enforcement officers. By requiring testing and tracking across the board, LD 1847 helps mitigate exposure to toxic contaminants, and balances oversight with operational efficiency.

Requiring a tracking system, much like in the Adult Use program, would allow regulators, and not law enforcement, to monitor the system for compliance. This would reduce the need for law enforcement in the cannabis program and ensure that legitimate businesses are not unfairly scrutinized. Tracking and testing systems are aimed at compliance, not surveillance.

Finally, states that have implemented robust tracking systems have seen measurable reductions in illicit and unregulated cannabis entering the legal supply chain. For example, after Oklahoma

implemented a robust tracking system, it was revealed that the state was experiencing a massive oversupply of cannabis. The tracking system increased visibility into production and sales and improved the regulators' ability to identify illicit activity.

Please pass Rep. Graham's bill with Rep. Malon's amendment in order to give us the tools to fight these illicit grow houses, which are spreading throughout rural Maine.

Sincerely,

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