COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROPOSED RULE REVISIONS: CITIZENS' PETITION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN MARIJUANA USES IN THE D-GN2 SUBDISTRICT

Part 1 of 3

The following pages compile written comments filed with the Maine Land Use planning Commission regarding the Citizens' Petition to prohibit certain marijuana uses in the D-GN2 subdistrict.

Rebuttal Comments: (Information or viewpoints that refute, contest, correct, or otherwise counter comments submitted during the comment period.) The deadline for submissions in rebuttal to prior comments is **August 2, 2021**. Rebuttal comments will be posted on the LUPC's rulemaking webpage (<u>www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/laws_rules/proposed_rules/rules.shtml</u>) shortly thereafter.

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Roberta Singer - Full time Resident of Rangeley Plantation

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Senator Russell Black

3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 Office: (207) 287-1505 Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov

June 15, 2021

My name is Russell Black and I reside in the Town of Wilton. I am a farmer and logger specializing in raising grass-fed beef, cattle, hogs, and maple syrup production. For the past three years, I have served in the Maine State Senate representing District 17, which includes all the municipalities and unorganized territories in Franklin County and four neighboring towns in Kennebec County. Prior to my election to the State Senate, I served four terms in the Maine House of Representatives representing House District 114, which includes the towns of Chesterville, Industry, New Vineyard, Strong, Temple, and Wilton, all located in Franklin County.

Before I take a position on public issues, I ask myself two questions: What is the right thing to do on the merits, and how can I best represent my constituents?

In this case, the answers to these two questions are pretty simple. If the goal of the Community Center D-GN2 Subdistrict was to create village-like community centers in the more populated Plantations in the Rangeley Area, then medical marijuana processing and cultivation facilities should not be located in that zone. I am a farmer and know that medical marijuana processing and cultivation is not like regular farming; it is more like pharmaceutical manufacturing. It is not a good fit for a community center.

When I ask how I can best represent my constituents in Franklin County, the answer is equally clear. I have spoken with residents and public officials from the Rangeley Area and they are in favor of this rulemaking petition.

I urge the Commission to listen to the voters and residents of the affected Plantation in Franklin County and to vote in favor of this citizens' petition.

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