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Testimony from the Maryland State Chapter of the
National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

SUPPORT HB0855 (Criminal Law - Cannabis Limits)

Maryland NORML has no paid staff – we are entirely energized by a core group of citizen volunteers and more than 5,000 other Marylanders committed to ending marijuana prohibition and establishing a regulated cannabis commercial market for adults who choose to use marijuana responsibly. I do not now and never have had any stake or investment of any kind in any cannabis enterprise, nor does anyone in my family, and I have never received any fee or remuneration for consulting with any cannabis enterprise. As an organization, we have worked to reform state and federal marijuana laws for more than 50 years.

We strongly support House Bill 855, which would amend and clarify legislation related to limits on cannabis product possession limits in the state of Maryland.

By amending this legislation, the original intent of the law will match the language codified into official policy. Furthermore, limiting the individual possession of cannabis to concentrate or flower, rather than and, arbitrarily restricts the rights of legal cannabis users.

For these reasons and more, I urge a favorable recommendation for House Bill 855.

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