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Dear Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Program Participants,

On behalf of the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP), I want to reach out to all of you impacted by the recent storm. First and foremost, we hope you and your families are safe and well. We understand and appreciate that this is a trying time for families, businesses, and communities.

OCP recognizes that natural disasters like these may affect each registrant and licensee in dramatically different ways. For many of you, this may be your first experience dealing with a situation like this within your business. At the same time, we recognize that cannabis businesses are unique in a variety of ways. The types of resources many businesses across the state will be directed to may be different for cannabis businesses due to conflicts with federal law. As you navigate these challenging times over the coming weeks and months, OCP seeks to be a resource and problem-solving partner. Part of that is to better understand the specific challenges cannabis businesses are facing and to gather information that will help inform effective solutions.

To that end, OCP understands that many program participants have likely experienced business impacts as a result of extended power outages and flood damage. This might include disruptions to your security camera footage or alarm systems. We know that storm cleanup and power restoration efforts are still ongoing, so when time and resources allow, we encourage you to check the connectivity of those systems. If you experienced outages at any point, please inform OCP of the time periods for which your systems were down at [Compliance.OCP@maine.gov](mailto:Compliance.OCP@maine.gov) so that we can record this information for you. In regard to the inventory tracking system, please know that it has remained operational and procedures are in place to allow continued operation during times of internet outages that impact access to that system.

In the unfortunate event that you decide you need to destroy large numbers of plants or products damaged by flooding or power loss, please reach out to us at [Compliance.OCP@maine.gov](mailto:Compliance.OCP@maine.gov). We can discuss possible ways of streamlining your destruction and documentation processes.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office at (207) 287-3282 or [Compliance.OCP@maine.gov](mailto:Compliance.OCP@maine.gov) for insight into any additional difficulties and damages you may have encountered.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hudak".

John Hudak  
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