



**LD 821 WILL HURT BIOTECH JOBS IN MAINE, ADD COSTS,
AND EXPAND UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT REGULATION**

**VOTE TO OPPOSE LD 821 AND
SUPPORT MAINE'S BIOTECH COMMUNITY**

The Biotech Association of Maine (BAM), the New England Biotech Association (NEBA), and the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) respectfully urge you to **OPPOSE LD 821**, An Act to Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs.

- ✓ LD 821 would impose unprecedented government regulation on Maine's fledgling biotechnology and biopharmaceutical community.
- ✓ LD 821 will add costs and administrative burdens on biotech companies doing business in Maine. This could seriously undermine investment in Maine's promising biotech industry and *result in fewer biotech jobs in Maine*.
- ✓ In Maine, the biopharmaceutical community supported a total of 12,341 jobs and \$2.1 billion in output. These companies also invested \$47.0 million in research and development in Maine in 2006. We need your help to protect these high-wage, high-skilled jobs – not pass unneeded laws that could kill these jobs.
- ✓ LD 821 will mandate that biotechnology and biopharmaceutical companies in Maine create and manage a program to collect and dispose of unused medicines from households across the state. *There are already cheaper, environmentally-friendly alternatives that require no additional costs or government bureaucracy.*
- ✓ Biotechnology and biopharmaceutical companies in Maine – mostly small, start-up companies - are in the business of researching, developing, and providing breakthrough medicines to needy patients – NOT in the business of overseeing the collection of unused medicines from households across Maine.
- ✓ In tough economic times, please vote to **PROTECT** Maine's biotech jobs and **AGAINST** higher costs to our state's businesses and unneeded government regulation.
- ✓ **OPPOSE LD 821** – IT'S UNNECESSARY AND HURTS BIOTECH IN MAINE.