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I support LD 579. Protecting farmland is critical for ensuring that we have the land base needed to grow our agricultural economy and strengthen food security and resilience to climate change for our state and communities. Yet, less than 5 percent of Maine's farmland is currently protected – this is the lowest amount of any other state in New England.

The changes proposed by this bill will help Maine be prepared to make accelerated progress in protecting our working farmland.

Knowing where our food comes from is very important to my family.