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Hello my name is Jim Davis of Silver Valley Farm in New Sharon, I would like to take a minute to explain why the Maine Tier Program is so vitally important to the state of Maine's remaining dairy farmers. In a time with rampant inflation when every single input material that a farmer needs has gone up in price and the pay price for our milk has stayed relatively the same, the Tier program has been the difference of that knife's edge of keeping the lights on or going out of business. Maine is losing farmers at an alarming rate as it is and without the Tier program I fear many more will follow and when there are no longer any farmers in the communities, spending money in the communities and contributing to the state and towns what will replace that lost revenue. Please help keep the lights on in the remaining dairy farms in Maine