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LD 525 and LD 2273 ought NOT to pass. These two bills have the potential to devastate the small farming industry in Maine. The market should determine prevailing wages as this industry is fragile with minimal profits being made and risks are high. Farming is seasonal with most labor being done by part time workers.

Some farms such as apple orchards already pay by piece work which is much more lucrative than hourly wages.

But as always what may be good for large agricultural states like California is not necessarily good for Maine with this fragile industry.

Thank you.