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LD 468

Testimony of Erin muthig from city of Saco before the 132st Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Dear members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry.

My name is Erin muthig I am a resident of Saco and I am here today a patron of numerous farmers markets across southern Maine, to express my support of LD 468 – An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food.

I am in support of CONTINUOUS FUNDING at the \$1.2 million level per year. If it is continuous, then the market (and MFFM) can plan for growth and expansion of the program without any funding uncertainties or interruption. These funds help cover the cost of the bonus bucks redemption for folks to purchase fruits and vegetables with. They help provide access to higher quality foods than we can find in supermarkets and chain grocery stores in the area. They also help my patients access affordable produce to help them improve their health and reduce chronic disease.