Thomas Roberts Pittsfield LD 311

Our farm relies mainly on farmers' markets for our income. We attend the farmers' markets in Pittsfield, Orono, and Waterville and we are able to accept SNAP/EBT and Maine Harvest Bucks at these markets. Having markets able to participate in these programs brings new faces into the markets and allows us to help feed more local folks. These markets are entirely member-volunteer-run and the ability to have a reliable source of funds to provide for the Harvest Bucks program would take a significant load from the shoulders of the market volunteers. Please vote in favor of this bill.