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LD 468

Testimony of James Verderese of Cornville, ME 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 James Verderese. I am a resident of Cornville, ME, and I am here today as a concerned citizen of Maine to express my support of LD 468 – An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food.

There is a myriad of weakness and risk in our food supply chain, ranging from the economic and personal risk that we expect our farmers to take, the lack of understanding on the part of consumers as to how their food becomes available to them, the reliance on food grown out of state and out of country, and the escalating food costs that cause economically-disadvantaged people to consume cheap Doritos and Pepsi instead of more expensive vegetables and milk.

We need long-term and continuous stability in our SNAP and EBT food programs .... stability that both providers and consumers can count on. LD 468 can provide this much needed stability and I urge your support.

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