

Amy Sinclair
Yarmouth Farmers Market
LD 468

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

My name is Amy Sinclair and for the last nine years I have managed the Yarmouth Farmers Market. I am submitting this written testimony in support of LD-468.

Like other markets, we have seen a steady increase in the number of shoppers seeking financial assistance to purchase the fresh food that's available at our market. Last year alone, the number of customers in need of food assistance at our market DOUBLED. In addition to helping community members in need, the State Nutrition Incentive Fund supports Maine farming families by increasing their sales. We want farmers markets to be accessible to all Mainers. Please support continuous funding at the 1.2 million dollar level. Sincerely, Amy