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LD 468

Testimony of Zoe Lambke of Skowhegan 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 Zoe Lambke, I am a resident of Skowhegan, and I am here today as a Market vendor to express my support of LD 468 – An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food.

I am a vendor at the Skowhegan Farmers Market. Funding to provide access to local food for those with lower income is a staple for our farmers market. The majority of our markets sales are with snap/EBT and Maine Harvest Bucks. Many of these shoppers wouldn't be able to afford nutritious balanced meals without the support of this funding. We have two paid staff at our farmers market that are entirely paid for by this funding and without it we would have no means to keep these people employed. It is crucial to our community, and the continuation of this market to continue to receive this funding.