Edward Nachamie Orono, ME LD 468 Wednesday, March 6th, 2025

To: Senator Henry Ingwersen, and honorable members of the committee,

From: Edward Nachamie

Re:

My name is Edward Nachamie and I live in Orono, Maine. I attend the University of Maine at Orono and am studying Ecology and Environmental Sciences. I have taken several classes related to food systems and sustainable agriculture in Maine. My experience has shown me that more needs to be done to advocate for food insecure individuals and to increase the state's food security. This could be accomplished by passing LD 468, An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food, which would appropriate more funds to address food insecurity. No one in Maine should have to choose between having access to healthy food and paying for other essential services. This act would help to safeguard the state's workforce and improve overall wellbeing by reducing food insecurity. Please support and ensure the passage of LD 468.

Respectfully submitted, Edward Nachamie