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Howdy howdy,

I am a 25 year old mushroom farmer that sells through the Kennebunk Farmers' Market, South Portland Winter Market, Gorham Winter Market, and Scarborough Farmers' Market. The markets that participate in snap/harvest bucks programs usually leads to about 5% of my sales being from that, more importantly it provides an economic bridge for people to buy available product. I think funding this bridge would primarily benefit people with food insecurity issues based on the conversations I have had with various snap users throughout the last few years. People in my town notice how long the food pantry line is nowadays, and we have many good people supporting the people in that line. With our current tax burden, any help from the state in this regard is absolutely necessary. Please keep the people in that are in need in mind, and support funding this program!