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LD 893

My name is Todd Murphy. I am a Maine Farm Bureau member. I own a Christmas tree farm in central Maine. I've been growing Christmas trees and nursery stock for over thirty years.

This is my life experience with health insurance. I chose to have health insurance from the very beginning. As the years have gone by, once again I had to choose. I chose to hire less seasonal employees, work longer hours and pay more for a higher deductible and less healthcare coverage benefits.

LD 893 would help farmers like myself join a plan that has helped Tennessee farmers for decades and now Maine farmers would have an opportunity to join a group plan. This, in turn, would provide more affordable options for farmers.

Today, I ask the committee to support LD 893 so all Maine farmers including the many aging farmers in the state can have better, affordable healthcare. So, in turn, potentially have additional funds to hire extra labor when needed while at the same time, passing down the knowledge to the next generation.