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I'm asking you to support LD896. I own a large farm, 300 acres, in Saco, Maine (York County). I am a 3rd generation farmer and my plans are to pass this property to the 4th and 5th generation. We are lovers of the land. It's difficult to farm, dealing with short seasons, difficult working conditions and labor shortages besides the financial and business risk that we must deal with day in and day out. I am in southern Maine where open land is valuable for housing but my desire to continue farming outweighs the thought of quick easy money.

Farming has many health and safety risks including accidents, illness, respiratory problems from dust exposure as well as exposure to pesticides and other chemicals. Affordable health insurance is a needed commodity and LD896 can make health care more affordable for us and our employees. It would be an added bonus to offer our workers and ourselves a health insurance policy that is affordable. Farmers are proud and business savvy people. I can't think of one reason why this bill would not be beneficial for our farming community.
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