



Testimony of

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Agricultural Employees Concerted Activity Protection Act
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Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, my name is Dana Doran, and I am the Executive Director of the Professional Logging Contractors of the Northeast (PLC). The PLC is a non-profit educational organization that represents the interests of logging and associated trucking contractors throughout the Northeast, predominately in the state of Maine.

As background, the PLC was created in 1995 to give logging and associated trucking contractors a voice in a rapidly changing forest products industry. As of 2021, logging and trucking contractors in Maine employed over 3,000 people directly and were indirectly responsible for the creation of an additional 2,500 jobs. This employment and the investments that contractors make contributed \$582 million to the state's economy. Our membership, which includes over 200 contractor members in the state of Maine and an additional 125 associate members, is responsible for more than 80% of Maine's annual timber harvest.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify on behalf of our membership in opposition to LD 588, An Act to Enact the Agricultural Employees Concerted Activity Protection Act. Our opposition to this bill is regarding §3902, Section 3, which states that Agriculture can include, "any forestry or lumbering operations,". We believe that this language is in contradiction to §3901, Short title; purposes, as well as §3902, Section 1 Agricultural employee.

If this bill were to move forward, it must remove the language from §3902, Section 3, that references, "any forestry or lumbering operations,". Since the intent of this bill is not the logging and forestry industry, we are uncomfortable with it moving forward as written.

I encourage the committee to please vote ought not to pass on LD 588 unless this language is removed.

Respectfully,

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