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LD 1140

Hello,

I am a farmer who relocated to Maine from Colorado because I know firsthand what climate change will do to not only the land we farm but also the intense pressure put on our bodies to farm in severe drought and wildfires. These affect our daily lives and well being. I became somewhat of a climate refugee, seeking to integrate what I learned farming in Colorado for 10 years and how to adopt regenerative farming practices I aim to apply here in Maine as I begin a new farm. I support LD1140 for the health and strength of our land and our communities here in Maine. We as a state must be more than resilient, we must be regenerative in our farming practices in order for our communities and land/environment to thrive. And in order to that, we need the support and funding LD1140 aims to provide. Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

Warmly,
Melissa Aguirre