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To Whom it Concerns,

The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust writes in support of LD 1140 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy.

This bill, if funded, supports the economic viability of Maine's farmers and food producers by granting funds needed to invest in processing and distribution, as well as in farmland conservation. This will allow Maine's food production businesses to grow, diversify and become more resilient. Farms are integral to Maine's rural economies, and by investing in our farms we support these rural economies.

Similarly, protecting farmland through conservation easements is necessary to keeping farmland in active agriculture, affordable and protected from development. Without farmland there is no food.

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Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust conserves and stewards vital natural areas, supports a vibrant local food system, and connects people with the natural world through inclusive education and recreation programs. Our goal is to protect our natural resources, cultivate care for the natural world, and in so doing, foster resilient, connected communities now and for generations to come.

