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Orono, ME
LD 1065
Monday, April 14th, 2025

To: Senator Brenner of Cumberland, and honorable members of the committee,
From: Edward Nachamie

Re: An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste

My name is Edward Nachamie and I live in Orono, Maine. I attend the University of Maine at Orono and am studying Ecology and Environmental Sciences. During my freshman year, I was on a research team called Food Rescue MAINE at the Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions dedicated to food waste reduction in the state of Maine. I worked to help four elementary schools in Maine implement pilot projects for food waste collection and reduction programs in their cafeterias. My experience taught me that we have the power to make tangible differences in the amount of food waste we produce and that effective management of this waste stream is imperative for an effective response to the climate crisis. LD 1065's imperatives to encourage food waste generators to reduce their food waste to the maximum extent practicable encourages less food waste in our landfills. This will result in less wasted resources, less wasted money, and less environmental pollution. Please support and make sure that LD 1065 passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nachamie