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LD 1605

Dear members of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry,

I am writing today in support of LD1605 - An Act to Support Farmers and Food Banks Affected by Federal Funding Cuts to Their Existing Contracts.

I am the Program Director at Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP) in Brunswick. While we do not receive any of these funds directly, the loss of federal funds supporting local food purchasing agreements hurts our community greatly - farmers, school children, and households relying on services like MCHPP.

This legislation would play a pivotal role in continuing the thriving local food network that serves farmers, schools, and food insecure Mainers. Please support LD1605.

Thank you,  
Heather