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LD 1894

Dear Housing and Economic Development Committee,

I am writing as an owner of two Maine foods distribution companies representing 100+ Maine family farms and food businesses, Daybreak Growers Alliance and Peak Season Produce, both based in Unity, Maine.

Downward pricing pressure from larger grocers engaged in international distribution and supply chains is making it hard for local retailers and suppliers to ensure affordable food supply for all Mainers.

Thank you for your time and discernment of LD 1894 and efforts to protect against price and product commoditization. This bill presents a cornerstone opportunity to ensure that local retailers and food producers can compete and partake in the marketplace, thereby exponentially multiplying consumer dollars to the benefit of Maine's economy.