

Jean Koons  
Sidney  
LD 1925

Testimony in Support of LD 1925-An Act to Improve Access to Grant Funding for  
the Maine Farms for the Future Program  
May 13 2025

We are owners and operators of Kennebec Cheesery, a farmstead goat dairy in Sidney. We are recipients of two Maine Farms for the Future grants, one as we started our business and one as we expanded our production 10 years later. Both were a tremendous help in guiding our business success. We figure we have poured more than a million dollars back into the local economy over the past 20 years.

We are now at the stage where we will possibly rent our farmland and business facility to the next generation of farmers. We would hope that they could write a business plan and gain help and financial support for their farm business the same way that we were fortunate to do.