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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and members of the committee, my name is Jay McCrum, and I am a farmer and CEO of Penobscot McCrum located in Washburn, Maine. Today I am writing to you in support of L.D. 1951 an act to Promote Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and Creating Jobs.

In 2019 we came to the Maine Legislature as farmers and manufacturers expressing our interest in building a new state of the art facility in Maine to further support the Maine economy, provide tax paying jobs, and to further our portfolio as manufacturers. Thanks to your support with the legislation in 2019 we were able to do so.

Our facility in Washburn currently employs 145 full-time employees from Aroostook County. Those employees are a part of our family now and are continuing to invest in their communities. We as a company have also invested in the community and have continued to invest in our facility by having already invested an additional \$30 million dollars in a new line at our facility.

McCrum is currently selling in excess of \$100 million dollars of product and bringing that money back to Maine to run our business and reinvest in Maine. In addition to being a Maine manufacturing plant, our ownership is all based in Aroostook County, which means the money is returning right here to Maine.

McCrum would appreciate it if you could support L.D. 1951 so McCrum will have the tax credit available to run our business.

Thank you,

Jay McCrum

CEO

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