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I would like to speak in favor of authorizing this General Fund Bond to Support Maine's Agricultural and Forestry Sectors.

My name is Jake Pierson and I am the President of Pierson Nurseries Inc located in Dayton. We are the largest wholesale grower and distributor of nursery stock in the state. My family has been running this business for over 50 years. We are proud to be a cornerstone of the horticultural industry.

Our agricultural and forestry businesses are a vital part of our economy that face challenges every day. Our weather, short growing season, distance from markets, and an aging population put huge pressure on these largely family owned businesses to remain profitable and viable. Any assistance is welcome.

Please vote to put this bond issue to the public so that they can show their support for our hardworking industries that are true economic drivers for this state.

Thank you.