

Prentice Grassi
Freedom
LD 2094

To members of the Committee,

I would like to submit brief written comment in support of LD 2094. My wife, Polly Shyka, and I have been farming our land in Freedom for twenty five years. We have raised our three children here, and continue to farm full time on our 120 acres. We employ 8 full time seasonal workers from our community, and our produce reaches stores and restaurants across the state.

We love our Waldo County community, and we know that agriculture and forestry are truly the lifeblood of the region. People take pride in the fields and woodlands that make up our landscape. It is both part of our rural identity and no small part of our rural economy.

We believe that investments such as those proposed in LD2094 can offer critical support as we look to strengthen the rural communities in the State.

Thank you for your consideration,
Prentice Grassi & Polly Shyka
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