

Litchfield Fair

“ITS WHAT A FAIR SHOULD BE”

LITCHFIELD, MAINE 04350

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LD 2096

Good afternoon Senator Talbot- Ross, Representative Plueker and distinguished members of the Agriculture, Conversation and Forestry Committee.

My name is E. Charles Smith and I am currently the President of the “Litchfield Farmer’s Club” also known as “Litchfield Fair”.

This afternoon I am submitting this testimony in opposition to LD 2096 due to my overwhelming concern as to what the negative impact would be to a number of the smaller Agricultural Fairs within our State.

My focus within the bill is the changing of the definition of an “Agricultural Fair”. This was clearly not the intention of the original bill and if one was to look into the details within the proposed language, the possibility exists that the smaller fairs could be negatively affected.

My belief has always been, and currently do believe the all the agricultural fairs across the state are very popular and should be supported rather than making survival be more difficult by changing language within a state statute. I thank you for your time and consideration along with your support of all the fairs in the state of Maine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sincerely,

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