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Good afternoon, Senator Talbot-Ross, Representative Pluecker, and distinguished members of the committee. My name is Phil Butterfield; I am the President of the Cochnewagan Agricultural Association a/k/a Monmouth Fair association in Monmouth Maine.

I submit this testimony as representation of the Monmouth Fair in favor of LD2096 as amended by representative Mitchell.

Monmouth Fair is in support of this bill as amended to provide the Commissioner of the DACF the authority going forward to rule on matters pertaining to language outlined in this proposal. As one of Maine's "smaller" fairs it is imperative that there are protections in place to protect the intentional overlap of opening and closing fair dates amongst fairs, causing potential significant negative impacts to a fair, as we have seen recently. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. I would be happy to provide any further information necessary at the work session.

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