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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker, and distinguished members of the Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry committee my name is Tracy Quint, and I proudly serve House District 8 in the Maine House of Representatives. I am here today to discuss LD 2188 and its potential consequences to my beloved community.

I consider myself blessed to be a part of a community filled with family, friends, and yes, farmers. I am proud of the work ethic in my district and the many ways that they provide for and contribute to all of Maine. The dairy farmers in my district work day in and day out with long hours and few days off. You can't just decide to take a day off from milking. As someone who also owns cows, I can attest to their demand to be milked no matter the weather or how you are feeling that day.

Tommy Quint is one such farmer. Yes, he is related- a second cousin once removed. I think! He employed my husband throughout his high school years and my husband has great respect for the example Tommy set. All these years later, his farm is still employing the livelihoods of several families in my town. Young families that I love and that have a desire to continue the vital farming tradition. I also think of the Duff family, an organic dairy that is seeing its costs increase while profits dwindle.

It is hard to encourage young families to go into farming as the basic costs of running a dairy are in danger of not being covered. I also have Amish dairy farms in my district. While they do not vote, they are affected by the way we vote and I represent them equally as friends and neighbors. Dairy farms are shuttering all over our State. We need farmers and we need to support them. I encourage you to keep that in your thoughts as I share brief testimony from a couple of dairy farmers in my district.

Thank you for time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy L. Quint".

Tracy L. Quint  
State Representative

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