



Testimony in Support of:
L.D. 2256 “An Act To Provide Emergency One-time Relief from Wild Blueberry Tax for
Growers in Maine”

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To: Senator Henry Ingwerson, Chair
Representative William Pluecker, Chair
Distinguished Members of The Joint Standing Committee of Agriculture, Conservation
and Forestry

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Jasper Wyman & Son (“Wyman’s”) is pleased to support LD 2256 “An Act To Provide
Emergency One-time Relief from Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers in Maine.”

Wild blueberry production, like many agricultural crops, is susceptible to volatility that can have a significant impact on profitability. In 2023, multiple factors severely impacted the industry including high costs due to inflation, high interest rates, low prices and a smaller than average crop in Maine. In many cases, the resulting cost of production was higher than prices received. We strongly support eliminating the grower portion of the wild blueberry tax for harvest of 2024 to provide some relief of the burden on growers, and to help the iconic wild blueberry industry weather this challenging period.

We urge you to vote “Ought to Pass” on this legislation to relieve the burden on growers for the coming harvest.

Thank you,

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