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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF:

**LD 357 An Act to Establish a State Minimum Hourly Wage for Agricultural Workers**

**LD 588 An Act to Enact the Agricultural Employees Concerted Activity Protection Act**

**LD 589 An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws**

THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF LABOR

Good afternoon, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. I am Representative Dean Cray representing Canaan, Detroit, Hartland, St. Albans, and Palmyra. I am here in opposition of LDs 357, 588, and 589.

As a member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee we hear from farmers on a consistent bases that these kinds of bills will only hurt the farms of our state. These bills target an industry that has fluctuating profits, an industry that is dependent on weather, and an industry that is already struggling due to the labor shortage.

These Maine farmers deserve our protection. With the goal in place to increase the production of Maine grown foods, these bills will only increase the difficulty. It's already hard to be a farmer in Maine, we should not increase that burden.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dean A. Cray".

Dean A. Cray  
State Representative

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