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*Co-sponsor testimony of Senator Stacy Brenner in support of*  
**LD 1140, An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the  
Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and honorable members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. My name is Senator Stacy Brenner, and I represent Senate District 30, which includes all of Gorham and much of Scarborough. I'm here to voice my strong support for **LD 1140**, "*An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy.*"

This bill would provide critical investment in Maine's agricultural infrastructure, including support for food processing, storage, and distribution facilities. The importance of infrastructure in agriculture cannot be overstated. Farmers rely on well-functioning supply chains, processing capacity and efficient transportation to get their products to consumers. Without these systems in place, even the highest quality products can't reach their full market potential.

As any farmer will tell you, profit margins are extremely narrow in this industry. Between unpredictable weather, rising input costs, and tight markets, even small increases in efficiency or access to value-added services can make difference between a viable farm business and one that is forced to close its doors. Investments made through this bond would help strengthen the economic foundation of our farms, create jobs, and increase the availability of local food in our communities.

LD 1140 is not just about preserving our agricultural heritage—its about preparing our farms and food businesses for the future. With smart, targeted investments, we can help Maine agriculture continue to innovate, remain resilient in the face of climate and market challenges, and grow stronger for generations to come.

I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1140. Thank you for taking the time and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Stacy Brenner**  
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