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Good morning, Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and distinguished member of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Barry W. Norris, I'm the Executive Director of the Maine Association of Agriculture Fairs, which represents the 25 licensed agricultural fairs in the State of Maine.

We are here today in support of the amendment to LD 1902.

This amendment would help the industry compete for discretionary spending, especially now that it seems IGaming will become law.

Live harness racing is starting to see a slight comeback in the state, and we feel that historical horse racing may prove very effective in preserving live harness racing, retaining and stabilizing not only our horse supply, and agricultural jobs, thus allowing racing to compete responsibly in a modern gaming environment.

Thank you for your time today.

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