

Cumberland County Fair

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Good afternoon Senator Talbot-Ross, Representative Pluecker, and distinguished members of the committee. My name is Elizabeth Tarantino, I am the Secretary of the Cumberland Farmer's Club, we operate the Cumberland County Fair in Cumberland, Maine.

I am here today representing the Cumberland Farmer's Club in favor of LD 2096, with the amendments offered by Representative Mitchell.

We believe that this bill will provide the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with the tools necessary to administer consequences for fairs that operate outside of Agricultural Fair definitions and fair dates set by the Commissioner, as deemed necessary. Cumberland Fair experienced negative impacts in 2025 by the opening of another Fair outside of licensed Agricultural Fair dates, and we believe that this bill will not only help to protect our Fair but would protect any of the 25 licensed Agricultural Fairs in the state of Maine from experiencing the same types of impacts – impacts that could cripple or potentially destroy some of our smaller fairs. We offer our full support for this bill moving forward as amended.

I appreciate your time and consideration and would certainly make myself available to participate in any workshops on this matter. Thank you.



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