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Good afternoon Senator Talbot-Ross, Representative Plueker, and distinguished members of the committee.

My name is Ted Googins; I am the President of the Cumberland Farmer's Club and Cumberland Fair. Thank you for hearing my testimony today in regard to LD2096 with the amendments offered by Rep. Mitchell. I am here to offer my full support for this Bill as presented.

On behalf of the Cumberland Farmer's Club, I believe that this bill will create a fair process for overseeing any fair date changes for all fairs large and small.

Cumberland Fair has experienced the negative effects of Fair Date overlaps and unlicensed fair opening, and we feel that this Bill will create a fair process for the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry to approve or deny any proposed date changes in the future, and more importantly, provide the department with tools to enforce the rules for Agricultural Fairs if necessary.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in favor of this Bill and am willing to participate in any workshop relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

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