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I feel an Act to allow custom slaughterhouses to produce cuts of meat to be sold commercially in the state of Maine would be helpful. I more strongly believe that if funds were offered to plants that already have the knowledge to operate in a commercial manner would be MORE helpful. These plants may be looking to expand and upgrade their facility, but are held back by available funds. They already know how the farmers in the retail system work. They would then be able to better accomodate these farmers with improvements and or expansions. We have seen a big demand this last year from customers looking for local humanely raised meat from Maine. Lets help ALL our Maine meat plants improve. Then we will see an improvement in the availability of Maine meat products. Thank you for your time.