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Members of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee:

My name is Jo Myers in Waldoboro, where I have farmed for over 20 years.

I urge your support of LD 1565 which provides a first step toward including Maine's indigenous and other marginalized farmers and food processors in Maine's farm system.

The public/private partnership envisioned by LD 1565 provides new opportunity for collaboration across these sectors.

A key piece is oversight, analyzing and evaluating programs. This assures LD 1565 can create a continuously evolving and improving public and private efforts to invest in historically marginalized and other underserved communities.

These communities are mostly in rural Maine. LD 1565 will help in rural community sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.