Ellen Callaway Kennebunk Farmers' Market LD 568

Testimony of Ellen Callaway of Kennebunk, Maine before the 131st Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Good afternoon members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry.

My name is Ellen Callaway, I am a resident of Kennebunk, Maine, and I am here today as Kennebunk Farmers' Market Manager to express my support of LD 5688 - An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives.

I have made many transactions for people in need that rely on the MHB program. One woman has 4 kids and a husband that is diagnosed with cancer. Her kids are happy and healthy because of the program and her will to provide them with a solid childhood. The program also helps support our local economy by providing sales for our farmers. Without this program, these families in need would not be able to shop here and our farmers would have fewer sales.