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Greetings member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee,

My name is Darcy Cooke. I am a resident of Ellsworth, Maine, and I work as the State Coordinator for the Maine Network of Community Food Councils. I would like to submit this written testimony in strong support of LD568 and the funding it would provide to support programs such as Maine Harvest Bucks. The Maine Harvest Bucks program makes a huge difference in the ability of lower income Mainers to access fresh healthy foods, while also supporting our local farms and in turn, our local economies as a whole. Many of our council members have actively worked to help promote Maine Harvest Bucks in their communities because they know how well this program, when fully funded, works. Thank you for your time and please support the passage of LD 568.