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LD 579

We are not native to Maine, but in the last 11 years we have come to love so much about Maine, particularly the farms. So many that produce the best produce, dairy and meat ever! We were saddened by the PFAS poisoning of so many farms. For that reason we are strongly supporting LD 579 to save our farms and conserve the land. Farming is not an easy profession, but we understand that it is a very gratifying one. Some farms have already been developed into housing, solar arrays, and other businesses. But we have hope as new young farmers have come to Maine seeking a better, healthier, and less hectic lifestyle. They bring with them a love of nature and the land.

Just as we conserve land for outdoor recreation, we must also conserve land for farms that will continue to supply the food we need; to educate our children who will know where their food comes from.

Every farm that is being worked helps store carbondioxode, creates wildlife habitat, keeps the soil from eroding, and open space that helps our air and water sources be cleaner.

We could go on and on, but YOU get the point we are sure.

Maine will only stay the state we love to live in with conserved open space for recreation, wildlife, and farms. We , YOU must do all you can to help keep the reason why we can say "Maine, the way life should be".