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LD 2093

I spent the summer of 2023 volunteering at the Blue Hill Farmers' Market welcome booth. Part of my responsibilities included distribution of and record keeping around the programs supported by LD-2093. I saw, first-hand, the effect that access to fresh produce had on consumers. I also saw the added revenue generated for the small, local farms present at the market. I'd like to express my support for LD-2093 because we are collectively what we eat. This bill is an opportunity to improve access for all Mainers to healthy, real food while simultaneously supporting the farming community. A robust and valued farming community reduces the reliance on national (or international) brands, mass distribution, and circulates dollars within the state. LD-2093 is a way to increase demand for local products and simultaneously improve the health of the Maine population.