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LD 2093

Dear Legislators,

I urge you to support LD 2093.

With the highest rates of hunger in New England Maine needs to do better. LD 2093 provides stable funding for nutrition incentives. Last year State funding only supported 20% of the more than \$83,000 in SNAP and WIC sales that Cultivating Community doubled dollar for dollar at our multilingual farm stands. If LD 2093 passes, it will increase the amount of funding for programs like ours across the state to \$1.2 million per year, and make that funding permanent.

It also makes fresh, local food at farmers' markets affordable for more people and supplements more than 10,000 households' grocery budgets with healthy Maine-grown food.

Every \$1 the state puts into these programs leverages \$2 from the federal government to directly support local farmers.

This is what investing in the people should look like. This is what Maine should be.