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My Name is Lucas Rogers. I'm owner of the Rogers farm in Atkinson. Im writing to ask for your support in updating the Maine Tier numbers. I feel the program has worked as it should in the past to help keep Maine dairy farms in business and the businesses that support us. With current inflation and the prices of all our inputs the margins the program has helped balance in the past are currently not there as the price we receive for our milk has not followed the increase in our input cost. I personally feel that if we are going to keep the Maine diary industry viable going forward this is something that needs the state's support. As our input cost continues to rise and milk prices stay low At some point there will be a tipping point where farms can't sustain this going forward if something is not done to help bridge this gap.