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To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of LD2188. As the fifth generation in my family to operate a working farm and lifelong experience in the dairy industry, I fully understand the benefits of dairy farms in our communities and the substantial, positive impacts they have to businesses across our state. The Dairy Stabilization Program allows dairy farmers to confidently project and allocate revenue generated to improving efficiencies within their operations. Subsequently providing other local businesses with products from compost and hay to beef and potential energy. With dairy being such an important piece to Maine's agricultural "puzzle", it is imperative that the Dairy Stabilization Program is available for the production and market fluctuation variables that dairy farmers face.