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Esteemed Members of the Committee:

Please consider making the agricultural, forestry, and fishery credit applicable statewide without the County limitation. Good soil knows no political boundaries. Under the law as drafted three farmers in Hiram, Cornish, and Baldwin would all receive different treatment. This bill will have perverse impacts encouraging farms in southern counties to close up shop and turn into house lots and farmers relocate to different counties. Limiting the credit for York and Cumberland and Sagadahoc makes sense for the other industries identified, but farming, forestry, and fishing is difficult enough as is and if we want to grow those areas we should not create artificial geographic barriers.