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As a young local business owner I understand the need for supporting local businesses and our local communities. With our state's nickname being vacation land. We want to attract people and families from other states and show them all the wonderful things we have to offer across the state through different times of the year. Moose hunting is a very big part of out of staters coming in and supporting our local economy. With the cost of living going up and wages not raising with it it's becoming harder and harder for individuals and families to get by and to feel financially safe and not having to stress about which bill to pay first. My family and I applying for our lodge license to obtain a moose tag was a financial decision. Prices are going up on many things, including electricity, food is still expensive and so is gas. In addition to being the owner of Legacy Ranch I also have a full-time job as a billing specialist for a local agency. My mom runs her own mental health agency and my dad is a teacher at the local tech center but after hours they both own and run a campground. My brother is a Maine guide and taxidermist and does whatever odd jobs he can find. Between my venue and my parents campground we don't have any outside help except for our one employee who is our bartender who only bartends events. We do all the cleaning, set up, maintenance and repairs ourselves. Everyone in my family works multiple jobs and that's just so we can feel financially comfortable. People should not have to work multiple jobs to have a peace of mind about their finances. This Moose tag means a lot to our family as an extra source of income. We've done everything in accordance with regulations in becoming a registered lodge in order to apply for this tag. Being able to provide this, Moose tag would allow us to bring people from out of state to experience the county. We have already started attracting people from out of state to utilize both the venue and the campground, and those who have come to stay have enjoyed their experience and have wanted to come back. The clientele who is able to purchase these moose tags have well enough money that they would be able to put revenue into the economy in the local towns that they visit by gassing up, eating food, grabbing snacks from the store, and checking out our local stores. And most likely they will want to come back to experience it again. I am proud to say that I have been born and raised in the county and standby when I say that here is the way life should be and that everyone should get to experience it. This tag is our way to bring out of staters to Maine to experience the way life should be.