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Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing,

We have been growing Wild Maine Blueberries in Knox, Waldo and Lincoln Counties since 1983. We are very strongly opposed to LD 1022. Our ability to farm successfully is weather and labor dependent. Field work and harvesting must be done in a timely manner. If we have good weather or a ripe crop, we need to work from daylight to dusk in order to get the work done and the crop in.

If LD 1022 passes, as we understand it, we will be required to pay hourly workers overtime and we will no longer be able to pay our harvest crews on a piece rate basis. If LD 1022 passes, we will not be able to afford the labor required to produce and harvest our blueberries. We will be forced out of business.

We are asking that you please vote down LD 1022.

Thank you so much,

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