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I'm an oyster farmer in Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth for about 15 years. I've been involved in countless research projects and collaborations. I believe innovation is our sector is the key to it moving past it's infancy and into the role and into the role that quite frankly our working waterfront and traditions need to survive in this century.

LD 1596 gives us the frame work to make that happen. It is absurd to think that any farm facing the challenges of a changing market and climate, working in the Atlantic Ocean, in a relatively new sector, will get their entire operation and site plan perfect at the outset of a 20 year lease. We need to be able to evolve and react to things changing around us. Every business needs this. A 3 year wait on making changes to a farm is unworkable and you will see the benefits that our sector promises, dwindle on the vine if this continues.

This bill identifies those aspects of the ammendments which can be expedited and will greatly simply the process. Many of us have been asking for such changes for a decade at this point. This is our chance.

Thank You,
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