CHERRYFIELD
FOODS INC.

Maine Board of Pesticide Control
28 State House Station
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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Cherryfield Foods Inc., I am writing to express our full support for the renewal of the FIFRA 24(c) Special Local Need Label for Express® herbicide for spot application and Bunchberry control in lowbush blueberry.

As a Wild blueberry grower and collaborator, our farm management decisions rely heavily on a strong IPM program and we believe it necessary to have as many viable options in our toolbox to manage pest pressures as deemed necessary.

Bunchberry is a creeping rhizomatous plant that can introduce unwanted fruit in Wild blueberry production and limit yields and quality for Wild blueberry growers across the state. In order to maintain consistent control of various weed pressures, we believe in the importance of rotating active ingredients, spot-spraying, and pest-specific chemistry to curb genetic resistance as efficient, cost effective, and long-term IPM tools. With this philosophy, we support the extension of the Special Local Needs 24(c) for Express® herbicide at it's time for renewal in December 2025.

Sincerely,

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