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WINTHROP, MAINE - Right to Food for Maine continues its campaign across the state to show Maine voters why we must take this historic opportunity to **Vote YES on 3** at the ballot box on November 2. **Senator Craig Hickman** will be making two appearances this week to discuss the constitutional amendment referendum.

This evening, Wednesday, October 6 at 6pm, Senator Hickman will participate in a ZOOM event entitled, "November Ballot Questions in Bangor: Food Justice, Bangor City Council and Bangor School Committee," sponsored by [Food AND Medicine](#).

Tomorrow evening, Thursday, October 7 at 7pm, Senator Hickman will appear in person at the [Enterprise Grange #48](#) in Richmond to discuss Question 3. Enterprise Grange is a non-partisan organization hosting an event to share information about a non-partisan ballot question brought to the People by the affirmative votes of [more than 75% of the Maine Legislature](#).

"Food is life. If we have a right to life then we have a right to food," says Senator Hickman. "Everybody who wants to live needs to eat. Producing your own food is like printing your own money. When you can feed yourself, nobody can push you around or tell you what to do. I can't think of anything more important to Maine people than the independence and liberty and freedom to work out our nutritional regimen as we see fit. And that means we have a right to the food we wish to eat for our own bodily health and well-being. I simply can't imagine a more non-partisan issue than that."

When Mainers **Vote YES on 3**, the following language will be included in the Constitution of Maine's Declaration of Rights, the first state in the nation to enumerate a Right to Food:

Section 25. Right to food. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to food, including the right to save and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food.

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Right to Food. Right for ME. Vote YES on Question 3.