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Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger and Distinguished Members of the Commerce Committee:

I offer this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 650, An Act Extending The Historic Preservation Tax Credit To Include Barns And Agricultural Buildings. Connecticut is a state whose rich agricultural history has left us with thousands of barns which are no longer being used for farming. Many of these are architectural treasures which are at risk of deteriorating because of benign neglect. This bill would create important incentives for the adaptive reuse of these structures thereby helping to preserve an important physical link to Connecticut's rich agricultural history. Thank you for raising this bill, and I look forward to working with you towards its passage in this session.