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To Members of the Environment Committee:

Greetings. Kahn Tractor & Equipment Inc. is one of only two remaining agricultural equipment suppliers that remain in the State. We have 30 employees that work directly with the state's dairy, vegetable, and green industries. This symbiotic relationship helps Connecticut consumers enjoy a fresh and local food supply that all residents may enjoy.

The stability of the dairy industry carries a huge importance for all of the state's residents. They supply many jobs to support services like me, to fuel the economy. They support local towns with their tax base by keeping land open and undeveloped. They provide a quality of life for all to enjoy in our great State.

No business can sustain losses for an extended time. Dairy farming is not just *any* business as it has such a great impact on all of the state's residents, whether they know it or not. A plan must be devised to provide a pricing floor for the CT milk industry. These businesses do not set their pricing but rather depend on the Federal Order to establish that pricing; i.e. they are price takers not price makers. No other business in the State operates on such a process.

These businesses are the original "green job experts" and deserve your respect and wisdom to establish at least a breakeven price for their product.

Most sincerely,

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