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Testimony in Support of the following Bill:

Raised Bill No. 926 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS.

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The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of nearly 5,000 families dedicated to farmers and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

Senator Colapietro, Representative Shapiro and members of the General Law Committee:

Connecticut Farm Bureau supports Raised Bill 926 and the effort to open up farmers' markets to farm wineries. More and more, Connecticut citizens are demanding locally grown and produced farm products. Farmers' markets have evolved into critical venues where farmers connect directly with consumers and are a vital component of today's agricultural economy.

Farmers markets are most successful when they offer a wide range of Connecticut Grown foods and products. Allowing farm wineries access to farmers' markets will help sustain both the farmer and the market. **Connecticut Farm Bureau urges positive consideration of Raised Bill 926.**