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Attention: Members of the Environment Committee,

My name is Jared Morse; I am an owner and operator of May Hill Farm LLC. We are a 200-cow dairy farm located in Woodstock Ct. I am submitting in writing my testimony supporting HB 5272 and HB 5483. The dairy industry in Connecticut is worth 1 billion dollars to the state. Not only are dairy farms worth 1 billion dollars to the state, but also it provides the muscle behind all of agriculture in the state. Without Connecticut dairy farmers the infrastructure that allows all forms of agriculture to exist in our state would be devastated.

Over the past 5 years on our farm, we have put in close to a million dollars into facility upgrades and equipment when possible. We are trying to build our business to not only survive economic unrest, but to be able to be profitable for the future. I am 35 years old; I have a wife and two young children. I am trying to create a business that my children may someday want to be a part of and help grow for the next generation. Without the support of the state I feel that the dairy industry in Connecticut will rapidly disappear. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to support HB 5272 and HB 5483.

Thank You, Jared Morse