

## TESTIMONY

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HB 5543

March 26, 2010

Good afternoon Mr. chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Sanford Cohen. I would like to voice my support for HB5543.

I am third generation family farmer in Ellington producing field corn, pumpkins, tobacco, rye, straw, hay and mums. We farm over 600 acres in Ellington, East Windsor, Vernon., and Somers.

Over the years and through the generations the dedicated and capable staff of the experiment station has been a tremendous asset to the farmers and all the citizens of Connecticut by their work in researching and developing new and improved plant varieties resistant to disease, and insects while improving market characteristics. This is in addition to continuing education of the farm community to the latest research in producing quality products for local and world markets. Our direct contact with the Valley Laboratory has enabled us to identify and control pest and disease problems in a timely and effective manner.

The research being done at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is deserving of the provisions of HB5543 to aid in the continuation of their mission, with all the recognition and rewards so justly deserved.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,



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