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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Room 1000, Legislative Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Steve Reviczky as Commissioner of Agriculture

Dear Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee:

I'd "Bet the Farm" on Steve Reviczky.

I am a fifth generation farmer who, with my family, operates a 400-acre farm in Shelton. We produce fruit, vegetables, Christmas trees, grapes and operate an award-winning winery and farm-to-table educational cooking studio. I also serve as Chairman of the Working Lands Alliance - a coalition of farm and environmental groups advocating for the preservation of Connecticut's most precious natural resource – its farmland.

I am dismayed to learn doubts have been cast on Steve Reviczky's qualifications to serve as Commissioner of Agriculture. I have known Steve for the past 20 years. I believe in Steve. I would "bet the farm" (all 400-acres of it!) on his dedication and judgment in years past and in years future to serve Connecticut well!

Sincerely,

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