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**Testimony in Support of:**

**H. B. No. 6503 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDING**

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

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, and members of the Environment Committee:

The members of Connecticut Farm Bureau seek your support for Raised Bill 6503 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDING. The eight county soil and water conservation districts provide valuable conservation services for local governments, their land use boards and commissions, farmers, and other private landowners. They also are the conduits for USDA conservation funding programs. We realize how difficult it will be to divert this funding stream from the general fund, to the Environmental Quality Fund, but we do want you to try.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Don Tuller Connecticut Farm Bureau Association