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Testimony in Opposition to:

H.B. 5049 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF TREES

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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 Steven Cassano, Representative Linda Gentile and members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association opposes any legislation which would restrict the rights of private property owners to harvest timber or firewood or practice forest management on their land. Over 50% of the land base in Connecticut is forested and 80% of that land base is in private ownership. Forestry is an important component of Connecticut agriculture contributing $131.5 million dollars to the states economy.