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Testimony in Support of: Raised Bill No. 5413

AN ACT CONCERNING INVASIVE PLANTS

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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 Connecticut Farm Bureau supports Raised Bill N. 5413, AN ACT CONCERNING INVASIVE PLANTS as it would restore funding to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture to fund the invasive plants coordinator position. CT has made significant and important progress through the Invasive Plant Council and continued funding for this critical staff support is imperative to continuing the good work of the Council. The coordinator position is key in developing early detection and rapid response plans for emerging invasive problems and coordination and implementation of the State Invasive Plant Control and Prevention Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony