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HB 6001 - An Act Concerning Residential Communities for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, Senator Welch and Representative Srinivasan and members of the Public Health Committee - thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of HB 6001 An Act Concerning Residential Communities for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities

The Committee has just heard from my colleagues on the dream for our children's future, the vision for Green Hills Farm & Community (GHF&C) and how this enterprise will be a combination residential, educational and commercial facility and, will also provide employment opportunities for young adults with developmental disabilities.

The purpose of my testimony is to provide summary information as to how this facility and its many facets will be financed.

First, those of us who have come together with this plan to bring GHF&C to life are acutely aware of the budgetary issues facing our Federal, State and Local governments.

GHF&C will not be an inexpensive undertaking – we have numbers which indicate total build out of the facility will cost in the range of \$30 - \$40 million.

We believe the funding program for GHF&C will be a Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the truest sense of this term

We would envision that the residential facilities will be financed with Affordable Housing / HUD loans. For the farming-related aspects of the project we will seek grants and/or subsidies from various entities, including the Department of Agriculture.

The balance of the funds required will come from contributions from among the following sources:

- Grants from Endowments and Foundations
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Individuals, including those who make contributions through our website

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I am happy to answer your questions.

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