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Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and Committee members:

I am writing to express my support for the bill number SB 70. Savin Farm has become an important part of the agricultural landscape here in Lebanon and the surrounding communities. The present lease holder has worked hard to improve the land and has greatly contributed to the locally economy both directly and indirectly. Savin Farm has now provides not only bottled milk and cheese to the community from the cows on the property but also a supply of local beef, veal and pork which is helping to meet consumer wishes for local, Connecticut grown products.

As the owner of a small goat dairy and as an abutter to the property, I have also benefited from Savin Farm as a destination of customers who increasingly come from all over the state for products but also to see the farm landscape and to experience a proverbial slice of rural beauty which has become rarer to find in our state. Integration of an agricultural easement would help to ensure that the land remain as an integral piece of the network of small farms as well as an important piece of the local economy. I encourage you to pass bill SB70 and help protect the agricultural fabric of the state.

Thank you

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