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**Testimony on Raised Bill No. 5118 AN ACT CONCERNING UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

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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 Duff, Representative Reed, members of the committee,

The Connecticut Farm Bureau appreciates that the current exemption for the “tilling of soil for agricultural purposes” remains in Raised Bill No. 5118 being considered. We are however concerned about the addition of “dredging” in the definition of Excavation in section 5. We would like to suggest it be amended to say “dredging not associated with the production and harvesting of aquaculture crops”. This change will allow for the normal practices of aquaculture farmers to be exempt from the provisions on the bill as well.