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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 Coleman, Representative Fox and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Raised Bill No. 5340 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF A LANDOWNER WHO PERMITS MAPLE-SUGARING ACTIVITIES ON THE LAND.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports the adoption of RB 5340. This bill extends limits of liability for landowners that allow maple-sugaring activities on their land similar to the provisions under current law for the harvesting of limited amounts of firewood and the harvesting of fruits and vegetables by non-profit organizations. The Connecticut Farm Bureau encourages the adoption of this important provision as it will likely open up additional land for maple-sugaring and allow the maple syrup industry to expand to meet the increasing demand for agri-tourism and CT Grown products.