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**Testimony on Raised Bill No. 403 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT.**

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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 Osten, Representative Rojas and Members of the Planning and Development Committee:**

The Connecticut Farm Bureau Association generally supports Raised Bill 403 which makes provisions to establish a task force to study flood plain management. However, since agriculture represents a significant portion of the land use within the flood plain, we encourage that the bill be amended to include the appointment of the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee on the task force. This is important in order for the task force to take into consideration the unique issues associated with agricultural land use within the flood plain.