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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 Stillman, Representative Fleischmann and Members of the Education Committee:

RB 5519. AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INTERSHIPS.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports RB 5519, AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INTERSHIPS. The Agricultural Science and Technology program has been and continues to be a shining example of how our education system works at its very best. The program combines an exciting balance of classroom and applied learning experiences that prepare students for success regardless of their ultimate career choices. The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports the program because we recognize that the future owners, managers and professionals in agriculture will likely come from graduates of the Agricultural Science and Technology Centers.

RB 5519 addresses an important challenge in providing students with practical experience through the use of program internships. This bill provides some limited liability protection for employers of student interns that will likely encourage increased opportunities for students to gain practical experience. The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports this bill and encourages its adoption