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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 5563. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS.

Connecticut Farm Bureau supports RB 5563 because of the provisions to allow technical high schools and agricultural science and education centers apply for state education grants. We also are in support of the provision that will ensure that the equipment and facilities of agricultural science and technology education centers are for the exclusive use of the centers. This is important so that resources intended for the centers are not used for other purposes.