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Submitted by Paul Miller, owner

Chairmen Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

Testimony in **opposition** of:

**S.B. 946 An Act Concerning Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget**

Specifically sweeping funds out of the Community Investment Account and diverting all future funds to the general fund.

I would like to speak to you today about S.B. 946 an act concerning revenue items in the Governor's budget. The sweeping of these funds in the Governor's budget will be a disaster for our farm as well as all dairy farms in the state of Connecticut. This move comes at a time when the price of milk paid to farmers in our state has dropped by 40% at the same time the legislature has raised our costs by increasing the minimum wage. This spells disaster for our dairy farms in the state. The Agricultural Sustainability Account was created as a safety net to encourage a food supply for our state citizens. This program worked in keeping a fresh supply of milk for Connecticut. The programs with the Community Investment Account were funded by the legislators using fees from real estate transactions. These were not intended to balance a budget. These funds were put there as a method of keeping agriculture and a safe local supply for Connecticut citizens. This budget will set agriculture and farmers back and have lasting impact on the future of food production in the state of Connecticut.

Respectfully,

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