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Connecticut Farm Bureau Dairy Committee

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RE: S.B. 946 AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

Dear Members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bond Committee,

Please consider the many numbers of farming families in Connecticut affected by losing funds from the Community Investment Act.

In dairy farming, we make much less profit for our investment than any other industry in Connecticut. People leave farms because they are not a profitable business. They stay because it is a way of life. This bill made it not only a way of life, but also gave us a chance to keep from losing money, and keep family farms in business.

As the daughter of a dairy farmer, I feel very lucky to have been raised in this environment. I am passionate about caring for the animals and the land. Both give me incentive to go out every day and work hard, challenge myself, and come home feeling successful and fulfilled.

I ask for the opportunity to continue dairy farming as my grandfather and father have been since 1949. It means a great deal to myself, the community, and the environment that we are stewards of to maintain open land, and supporting agriculture in Connecticut.

Sincerely,
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