

I urge the committee to approve the Agri ScienceStem grant for Region 12. Not only was the referendum overwhelmingly approved by the voters in our three towns, but the program will be an important adjunct to the rebirth of the agriculture sector in our area. We have seen the phenomenal success of local organic and heirloom vegetable and fruit production, as well as the rebirth of our historic dairy industry with Arethusa Dairy and its growing product line. This is an important source of state tax revenue and we need to educate and train future employees, managers, and entrepreneurs.

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