

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL 76, AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

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I am Gordon Gibson of Vernon, Legislative Liaison for the Connecticut State Grange, submitting testimony today in support of Raised Bill 76, An Act Concerning Connecticut's Farm to School Program. This bill will require that the regulations concerning food for school breakfast and lunch programs be amended to promote the purchase of food products from local farmers. The Grange has long supported adequate breakfast and lunch programs in our public schools so the students will have adequate nutrition for their school day. The Grange, being an agricultural organization, also supports programs that will improve and enhance the markets available to farmers. The Grange therefore supports Raised Bill 76 as it supports two of the Grange's long standing policies as it creates a win/win situation for both our children and our local farmers.

The Grange also goes on record today in support of Raised Bill 5150, An Act Concerning Tree Wardens Notices on Trees and Shrubs Prior to Removal, Tree Removal Along State Highways and Cleanup by Public Utility Companies Following Certain Tree Removal and Raised Bill 5151, An Act Concerning the Authority of Animal Control Officers in Common Interest Communities but is not offering any testimony on either of these bills.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

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