

To the Planning & Development Committee Chairperson:

My name is Hugh Winchell along with my wife Sylvia...I'm second generation farmer in Hamden...we support HB 5534 and have direct experience with our local tax assessor unfairly taxing part of our small farm. All of our 5 acres are used for farming, but the assessor doesn't agree. We have suffered a major hardship while fighting to reverse their decision. Farmland is Farmland!!!

We support this act HB 5534 completely and strongly urge you do also!

Farms and open space in our small state are extremely valuable and worth protecting. We would be there in person today, but we both have other jobs that help pay our bills. I'm sure you understand.

Please Please Please do whats right! Pass HB 5534!!!

Any questions feel free to call or e-mail us. We thank you for your efforts in making a positive change for the farmers of CT.

Thank you again, Hugh & Sylvia Winchell

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