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**Testimony in support of HB 6496 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SOIL-RELATED INITIATIVES.**

Senator Cohen, Representative Borer, Senator Derek, Representative Gresko and Members of the Environment Committee

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association supports Sections 3, 4 and 5 of HB 6496 which amends existing statute to include soil health. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts already consider soil health in their recommendations and practices. It is important to recognize the vital role of healthy soil in conservation, remediation, and agricultural practices. Healthy soils increase farm productivity, support forest health and resiliency, and improve water quality. All of these factors and more help Connecticut mitigate the impact of climate change.

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