



CITY OF HARTFORD
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FOOD POLICY

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Dear Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, and Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Martha Page, and I am the chair of the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy. Since 1991, the Commission has advocated for food security and growing more food in Hartford. Our membership includes Hartford Food System, Hartford Public Schools, Hispanic Health Council, Forge City Works, and Foodshare/CT Food Bank as well as residents. I write today to request your support for **HB 6621, specifically section 3 to establish the "CT Grown for CT Kids" grant program.**

Farm to school is a fantastic opportunity to support Connecticut farmers while connecting Connecticut children with healthy food and educating children about farms and food. Our state must invest in this work for the benefit of Connecticut farmers and students alike.

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy works to increase farm to school activities in Hartford, and supports efforts like the partnership between Knox Inc. and Hartford Public Schools to increase local food served at schools. We support the Connecticut Farm to School Collaborative's efforts to do the same across the state.

Please support **HB 6621, especially section 3 to create the "CT Grown for CT kids" grant program** in order to provide our children with healthy, tasty meals while supporting Connecticut farmers.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Page, MPH".

Martha Page, Chair
Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy