

Testimony in support of House Bill 5342, House Environment Committee Feb. 27, 2025.
by Peter Trafton, Providence Rhode Island

Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I write in strong support of 5342, Rep Chippendale's and cosponsors' bill to create an agricultural restricted receipt account within the Department Of Environmental Management.

Rhode Island's farmers are a natural treasure, benefiting all of us with fresh healthy food that is indeed a pleasure to eat. Living in a Rhode Island farm town for much of the year, we are very much aware of the challenges our farmers face. The state collects a variety of fees from farmers. This bill would provide a means of using those funds to support our farmers in the face of the most expensive agricultural property in the country (if not in the world), and with the costs of every part of their industry progressively climbing. This money should be used for appropriate support and not dispersed throughout Rhode Island's general funds. These pass this bill to support our local farmers!

Thanks Rep Chippendale for helping Rhode Island's farmers.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "G" being particularly prominent.

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