

To the honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Christina Dewey. As a farm worker at Roots Farm in RI, I am writing in support of H5534, which would allow small and urban farms to receive the same tax exemptions that large farms receive in our state.

Rhode Island has some of the most expensive land prices in the country and therefore, many of our most productive and thriving farms are under five acres. I believe that a farm's tax status should not be based on land size. Given the land prices in this state, there will only be more small and urban farms in the future.

This bill is important to me because it will directly impact the financial wellbeing of all farms in Rhode Island, and indirectly impact food access for the people of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,
Christina Dewey
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