

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of HB-5536 to sustain the bonus bucks program. Bonus bucks support food security and local farm viability. This program, uniquely designed to encourage SNAP recipients to buy local produce, is a win-win-win for nutrition, food security, and our local food system.

Farm Fresh RI has been running a bonus bucks program since 2009. This program is not new or novel, and we have seen the results. I urge you to move HB-5536 forward.

Sincerely,  
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