

Written Testimony is support of H-5536

At a time when the federal government is doing everything they can to harm our farmers and those in need of food assistance the state must take action to protect and support these local businesses and residents.

Supporting this program will help ensure our SNAP recipients have access to fresh, healthy local food. It will support local businesses and our economy returning far more in economic growth than the cost of this bill.

We saw during the pandemic how difficult it was to access food and other goods and how important it is to have local sources. We also know what a key part of the community these local farms and farmers markets are.

Therefore I strongly urge you to support H-5536

Thank you,

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