

Northeast Organic Farming Association of Rhode Island Serving Farmers, Gardeners, & Consumers with Education & Outreach

Dear House Finance Committee,

We, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of RI (NOFA/RI), fully support HB5536, to sustain the Bonus Bucks Program for 2026.

Formed in 1990, NOFA/RI is an organization of farmers, consumers, gardeners and environmentalists working to promote organic farming and land care practices.

Many of the farmers we represent accept Bonus Bucks at farmers markets, and this program is an important part of their annual revenue. Sales of locally grown produce would decrease if this program is cut, and both the consumers that are participating and the farmers accepting the Bonus Bucks would suffer from such a cut.

Please help strengthen our community of consumers and farmers by supporting HB5536.

Respectfully yours,

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