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Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of H7242. Small and urban farmers are vital parts of our urban communities, economies, and food systems. However, because they do not have economies of scale, they are overburdened by taxes and often struggle to do the work that they love and that is vital to their communities. Passing this bill and giving them the same tax relieve that larger farmers get would provide huge benefits to these growers and thereby support our local food system. With the volatility of our national food system, demonstrated by massive price fluctuations recently, a stable and vibrant local food system is more important than ever. In Rhode Island, the smallest state with the most expensive farmland, small and urban farmers are a large and essential part of the local food system. Allowing them to flourish is critical to our overall flourishing.

I urge you to support H7242 and support Rhode Island's small and urban farmers.

Best,
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