

Feb. 17, 2022

To: RI Legislature
From: Jennifer Boone
Subject: Article 5 Question 3 Green Economy Bonds

Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm writing to ask that you please support the proposed \$3 million allocation for farmland preservation in the 2022 Green Bond.

This program is crucial for preserving undeveloped land in our densely populated state, and for providing access farmland to new farmers seeking land so they can grow food for Rhode Islanders.

I work for Southside Community Land Trust, which supports these farmers as well as makes affordable, locally grown produce available to people suffering from diet-related chronic diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension and heart disease.

The demand for farmland and for locally grown food continues to rise every year as more people understand the health benefits of eating fresh food – not to mention the environmental cost of transporting food from across the country that could be grown here.

I hope you will consider all of these factors when you make your decision.

Thank you,

Jennifer E Boone