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**From:** John Hacunda <jhacunda@aquanet.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:35 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H7123 - Article 5- Green Economy Bonds - Please provide funding for Farmland Preservation

Dear Representatives,

I strongly urge you to provide funding from The Green Bond to preserve RI farmland. Rhode Island produces very little of its own food (5-10%) and the recent pandemic shows the vulnerability of supply chains.

The reality is no farmland, means no farmers, and that means no food. You can't eat a housing subdivision.

Rhode Island should be doing everything to encourage and expand our farming sector. New farming technology and innovation promises to allow farmers to grow more with less resources. Local grown food is fresher, healthier, and reduces the carbon footprint needed for transport.

Hunger is a reality for many Rhode Islanders and having a sustainable farming sector will help alleviate this problem as well as protect all of us from food insecurity.

Sincerely,

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