

Rep. Carolyn Partridge, Chair

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House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry  
Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Representative Partridge,

In my letter dated February 21 to you regarding testimony taken by your committee on H.205 I misspoke when I stated, "Mrs. Laggis also mentioned the work that the industry did to modified conditions in order to reduce pesticide residues in the dust emitted during planting. This is fine and helped out western farmers, but does not apply to Vermont since our farmers do not use pneumatic planters."

I have looked further into this question and it turns out that there are some farmers who do use pneumatic seed planters. They are however a minority and vast majority of Vermont farmers do not use them, as there are other options that are less expensive, just as accurate, and easier to repair when issues arise.

I apologize for any confusion this situation may have caused.

Sincerely,

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