

Theresa Utton-Jerman

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To whom it may concern,

We can't attend the public hearing in support of the Working Lands Grant but want to ask that you

Please invest strongly in the Working Lands Enterprise Fund with a \$3million appropriation to support our working lands enterprises and keep our land open and productive for the future

After trying a few times, our farm was awarded \$9,000. in 2015 for building a working greenhouse to host agritourism events. This unique greenhouse space has created jobs for not only ourselves and our adult children and others on our farm. Our daughter is a NECI trained chef and our farm caterer. Our son graduated UVM with a Parks Recreation and Tourism major and has now returned to the farm after being west for a few years. We are continuing to create more opportunities for enjoyment, connecting with and experiencing authentic recreation, venue space for numerous types of events as well as food experiences and more on our organic family farm. Having this space has also allowed us to give our longtime farmers market space to new young growers that came to VT.

The Working Lands grant has enabled our family to continue to work on our land and create jobs for the next generation on the farm in Vermont.

Thank you for this continued work and support.

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