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Vermont General Assembly
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

To the Vermont General Assembly,

As Vermont farmstand and CSA owners and managers, we are writing to express support for H.218, a bill that would expand sales of raw milk in Vermont beginning as early as July 2021.

H.218 as introduced would allow farms following tier two requirements to be able to sell raw milk at other farm's farmstands and CSAs within 30 miles point-to-point of the farm where it was produced. This bill would provide a welcome opportunity for diversified vegetable, livestock and other farms across the state to collaborate with neighboring dairy farmers to fill a gaping hole in farm stand and CSA offerings. This bill would also increase access to raw milk for consumers who are seeking out this nourishing farm fresh product, as well as provide more equitable access to markets for rural raw milk producers. This bill is an investment in resilient, community-scale food systems that increase our food sovereignty and food security.

We understand the health risks and concerns around consuming raw milk. We acknowledge our role as potential distributors of this fragile food source, and will do everything in our power to maintain the safety guidelines for storage and distribution. We are ready, willing, and able to collaborate with our fellow dairy farmers to establish safe handling procedures for their raw milk.

Sincerely,

Emily Amanna, Wild Shepherd Farm, Athens
Keith Drinkwine, Flatlander Farm, Starksboro
Hannah Doyle, Boneyard Farm, Enosburg Falls
Benjamin Farrell, Allwinds Farm, Townshend
Meadow Squier, Squier Family Farm, Tinmouth
Cameron McMahon, Tree of Life Farm, Monkton
Justin Cote, Flywheel farm, Woodbury
Jon Wagner, Bear Roots farm, Williamstown
Jessica Sanford, Adam's Berry Farm, Charlotte
Katie Rose Leonard, Head Over Fields, Charlotte
Andrew Knafel, Clear Brook Farm, Shaftsbury
Zach Mangione, Cross Farm, Barnet
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Smokehouse and Farm Market, Isle La Motte
Heather LeFoll, Sweet Eats Farm & CSA,
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Rose Thackeray, Union Brook Farm, Northfield
Suzanne Long, Luna Bleu Farm, South Royalton
Mitchell Jones, Mitchell Jones, St Johnsbury
Jes Scribner, Birdhouse, Barton
Vincent Foy, Deborah Yonker, Danville
Jess Simpson, Wilder Farm, Lyndonville
Sara and James Donegan, Trillium Hill Farm,
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Dahlia Dill, Chandler Pond Farm, South Wheelock
Douglas Morton, Peacham Hollow Farm, Barnet
Matthew Crowley, Full Plate Farm, East
Dummerston
Susan Monahan, Roots Too Farm, St. Johnsbury