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**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FORESTRY

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair Hooper and members of the House Committee on Appropriations:

Technical correction:

E.222 In the language to inventory programs for new farmers, the report to the legislature should include Senate Agriculture and House Agriculture **and Forestry** Committees - "**and Forestry**" was left out.

Priorities:

The House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry supports reinstating the \$1 million general fund money for the Working Lands Program in B.222.

The following is in ranked order of support:

1. We strongly support the \$150,000 for food security work that the Senate eliminated.
2. We support language in section B.1100E of one-time general fund appropriations for organic milk farmers but would ask for additional guidelines to read, "for organic milk farmers in jeopardy of losing their markets in order to make improvements to secure those markets," depending on funding available.
3. We support funding for the Produce Safety Improvement grant program, depending on funding available.
4. If there's anything left on the bottom line it could be used to support the \$100,000 for Vermont branding assessment.

Sincerely,

Rep. Carolyn Partridge, Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry