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STATE OF VERMONT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Mary Hooper

From: Rep. Carolyn Partridge

Date: March 30, 2021

Subject: H.315 Senate Amendment

The House Agriculture and Forestry Committee appreciates the opportunity to look at the Senate Amendment to H.315. In Section 22 (a)(1) of that amendment, \$3,000,000 is allocated for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' Working Lands Program. We support that appropriation. We also support the \$500,000 set-aside for slaughter, meat processing and meat processing training proposals, as long as the House position remains intact for Working Lands. If the House position does not hold, the \$500,000 allocation may be too restrictive.

The House Agriculture and Forestry Committee supports the allocation of \$250,000 for ecosystem services.