

To the House Environment and Energy Committee,

I am requesting that you pass Bill H.128.

We are a diversified vegetable farm in Hinesburg, VT with an AOFB on site. We sell our own products as well as other local farm products out of our farmstand and have done so for the past decade or so. The ability to do this has allowed our business to become financially viable and expand beyond the owner-operator model. AOFBs allow farmers to diversify their market streams as well as their offerings and attract new customers and tourists. AOFBs support steady cash flow during times of crisis, such as COVID and flooding, for example. They are an important piece of maintaining farm businesses and the rural landscape in our state. Thank you for your support.

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