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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin Scheu, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: David Durfee, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency,
and Forestry

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget Adjustment Act Recommendations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Administration's submission of the FY26 budget adjustment act proposals. The House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry (the Committee) has taken testimony from Hunger Free Vermont and the Vermont Food Bank on the successful rollout of the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program established during the last session, as well as a request for additional funding this fiscal year to help meet the existing need and support the state's farmers following a difficult growing season. In particular, we were reminded that many Vermonters experiencing food insecurity do not meet the eligibility requirements for 3 Squares Vermont and have come increasingly to rely on food shelves and other local organizations who would benefit from any additional funding. On a unanimous 7-0-0 vote, the Committee respectfully recommends that \$1.5 million be appropriated during the balance of FY26 to support the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant Program.