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Vermont State House Committee on Agriculture
115 State Street
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Subject: Reduced Agricultural Service Sales Due to Ongoing Drought Conditions

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of **Kelley-View Farm, Inc.**, an agricultural service provider serving producers across the Northeast Kingdom and northern New Hampshire. We wish to inform you of the significant impact that the ongoing drought has had on our business operations, as well as on the broader agricultural economy in our area.

Over the past four months, the persistent lack of rainfall has resulted in reduced crop acreage, lower yields, and financial strain on many of our dairy producers. As a result, we have experienced a marked decline in sales of essential agricultural inputs and services, including manure application, grass harvesting and corn harvesting. Compared to the same period last year, our sales have decreased by approximately 11% in the harvesting sector and 26% in the manure application sector, directly reflecting the challenges faced by local farmers.

Beyond our company's immediate financial challenges, this downturn has a wider economic impact. Reduced agricultural production affects local employment, supply chains, and rural economies that depend heavily on farm-related activity. While our team continues to work closely with producers to manage input costs and maximize limited resources, the ongoing drought has placed sustained strain on both producers and service providers alike. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to supporting producers through flexible service options and resource management guidance.

We wanted to bring this matter to your attention as the situation underscores the continued need for drought relief initiatives and agricultural support programs at the state level. Any assistance or consideration that your department can provide to help offset these adverse conditions — whether through emergency funding, loan flexibility, or drought recovery programs — would make a meaningful difference for both ag service providers and the producers we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for your continued support of the agricultural community. We would be glad to provide further information or meet to discuss the local impacts of the drought in greater detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry Kelley", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Larry Kelley

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