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Good afternoon, my name is Becka Warren. I'm the Manager of the [Vermont Food Security Roadmap Coalition](#). I live in Hartland. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today, and highlight budget requests that will keep us on the road to food security for all who live in Vermont.

I hope you have seen the [Vermont Food Security Roadmap to 2035](#). This document was requested by the Legislature, supported by the Agency of Agriculture and Department of Health, and then developed out of the experience and opinions of hundreds of Vermonters. These Vermonters, and our Coalition, believe that food security can and should be achieved for everyone who lives in Vermont. The Roadmap helps us see a day when hidden hunger no longer exists in our communities, and our farms are thriving and providing for our people, and we are prepared for emergencies.

We are on the road to that day, and the following budget requests from the Food Security Coalition keep us on the road.

- Please support the [Vermont Foodbank with \\$5 million, to ensure responsive readiness in emergencies, and support food purchase and distribution](#).
- Please appropriate [\\$20 million for the Farm Emergency Fund](#).
- Please fully fund the Land Access and Opportunity Board.
- Please convert \$332,000 in one-time state funding for Vermont 211 into base funding.
- Please increase public investment in [Crop Cash \(Plus\) and Farm Share to \\$500,000 in base funding](#).

We appreciate your leadership on food security, and we know that with your leadership our collective action will be successful.  
Thank you again.