



a member-owned cooperative, community-supported agriculture farm

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Dear House Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to ask that you please appropriate \$5 million for the Working Lands Enterprise Fund in FY2027.

We all love the Vermont landscape, and all of the benefits farms bring to our communities, and the Working Land Enterprise Fund is one of the most effective state investments in agriculture.

Our \$35,000 2017 Working Lands grant provided the missing financing for a new facility for vegetable washing, packing and storage. This building replaced an open-air shed with a cleanable, efficient building that helped us survive the pandemic and two major floods, and led to increased employment, wages, and sales. I hear similar stories from many other vegetable farmers.

Thank you for considering this request, I truly appreciate all of your work on behalf of the people of Vermont.

Sincerely,

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