2022 Public Policy Priorities

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- Support the elimination of highway use taxes that add additional cost to the transportation of agricultural products, commodities, and inputs.

- Support Connecticut agriculture and farm wineries by allowing sales of CT Grown Wine in grocery stores.

- Maintain science based state and federal agency only jurisdiction over the regulation of pesticides and herbicides in Connecticut.

- Support policies that provide incentives for landowners to install commercial solar energy projects on land that is not classified as prime or important farmland.

- Expand membership of the CT Siting Council to include a member who could represent the interests of farming and agriculture.

- Support continuation and full funding of the Community Investment Act and the critical programs it funds in support of agriculture.

- Support programs and funding to enhance agriculture and farming in urban areas.

Continued support for policies that support CT agriculture:

- Continuation of a stand-alone, cabinet level Department of Agriculture.

- Full funding for farmland preservation.

- Adequate funding for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Agriscience and Technology Program and the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut.

- Continue supporting PA 490, CT’s Current Use Assessment Law for farmland, forestland, open space land and maritime heritage land.

- Continue supporting the farmer sales tax exemption and off-road fuel tax exemption.

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