

Testimony in support of H7684: Property subject to taxation – small and urban farmers

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To Chair Abney and the honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

Small and urban farmers are amongst the most hard working small businesses in the state. We not only rely on them for food production, but they provide access to locally grown food that is fresh, does not need interstate, or international long-distance transportation, and has no food waste in the supply chain.

Many of these farms operate at the bare minimum of existence, regardless of the fact that they provide an essential, local service to our residents.

I strongly support providing tax breaks for these farmers by exempting them from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2024.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative McGaw for introducing this important bill.



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