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Support Working Lands Bill

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the Working Lands Enterprise Investment Bill. This bill defines how Vermont can pull all of the opportunities, policies and new plans into one united efficient effort to support Vermont's working-lands economies.

This bill will combine funding sources and policy to create an efficient system that helps Vermont's working-lands entrepreneurs to expand their businesses. As Vermonters, we all agree that our state's identity is closely tied to the working landscape. Farming and forestry are facing challenges, however, so we must pass legislation that ensures the character of the land and the economies that land supports. This is crucial for our working-lands economies.

I hope the legislature will work hard to find the needed funds for this important economic development program. I thank legislators already working on this bill and encourage readers to go to vtworkinglands.org for more information.

—Audrey Famette, Montpelier