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My husband and I are small (25 acres) cranberry farmers in the northwest corner of the state. Beaver are a constant battle for us. There is no market for pelts anymore so hiring a trapper is not fruitful. Last year we had a small 3.4 acre plot ready for harvest. Because of the damming efforts of these rodents, we were only able to harvest 1 acre. You need water to harvest and they dammed our pond. That results in a loss to our farm at 15,000 dollars. That is only one of our plots. Please reconsider taking beavers off the rodent list. Please take the time to visit our farm and see for yourself. We cannot stay ahead of these rodents. We have tried to discourage without killing them. With the continuing rules and regulations our state government introduce we won't be able to continue farming. We are responsible stewards of our farmland, Please direct your efforts to high taxes and the homeless.