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I am a small business owner in Rock Creek. I own an event planning and floral designing company. I strongly support my local farmers and I've been an active supporter of our local protections of our local farms, under our community plans, for the 23 years I've lived in my home in Washington County. I have owned the same home, walking distance to The Urban Growth Boundary for all 23 years I have lived here. My children grew up enjoying our local pumpkin patches and tree farms. I was able to bring preschoolers to the local farms to learn about the animals and growing food. I took them on field trips where they would plant seeds then come back in the Fall to pick a pumpkin in the same field at Plumper Pumpkin Patch. We've enjoyed concerts and birthday parties at Kruger's, now Topaz Farm.

Today my kids are grown but we still go back to our local farms to blueberry pick, visit animals, buy local produce, and enjoy our nearby farms. Keeping our farmland protected is important, but drawing the community in for events and local farm shopping is also important to our communities and our farmers. Please support this bill.