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Small farms are more essential now than ever. They allow us to see where our food grows, learn about what it takes to get the food we eat on our plates. They give consumers the opportunity to choose to eat locally, reducing their carbon footprint, ensuring higher levels of nutrients in their food. Small farms provide folks who live in the city an opportunity to commune with nature, try their hands at picking produce, children get a hands on understanding of how different plants grow. This bill provides the clarity some lawmakers were seeking without tying the hands of small farmers. Given all of the support large farms get to grow cheap, nutrition less food, the least we can do is allow small farms the opportunity to supplement their income and promote their farms through the activities and means outlined in this bill. PLEASE side with the little guy on this one. We need local farms and farmers.