

Dear Representatives,

Please vote against S.45, Right to Farm, bill. I am a member of the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi and live in W. Hartford, VT. I am originally from Oklahoma, where we, small farmers, stopped this bill (as did Missouri) in 2014 when it was put on the ballot in both states. Farmers tagged this bill "Right to Harm" because it was designed to support "Big Ag". We already have the right to farm, nuisance and trespassing laws. We ask who benefits from this and why? Follow the money and the origin of this law, ie, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and Farm Bureau. Why? CAFOs!!

If these two red states with lots of CAFOs killed this bill, why not Vermont for the same reasons. What is behind this and what are the plans for the future if it passes? VT CAFOs coming into the state? Protect big dairy (at the expense of small farms and the environment?

Please don't let this bill pass here! Thanks so much for listening to me!

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