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RE: H688 An Act relative to farmers' markets
DT: 15 September 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,

Thank you for hearing *H688, An Act relative to farmers' markets* before your committee on September 15th.

This bill would simply define what a farmers' market is. I filed this in response to feedback I received from other legislation involving exempting farmers' markets from certain taxes. The committee where that bill was heard expressed concern over the lack of definition of a farmers' market and the potential abuses. Defining what a farmers' market is the first step towards any regulation. This bill was also released favorably from committee last session, but did not make it through both chambers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H688, An Act relative to farmers' markets* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux