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Ohio Legislature Ways and Means Committee Attn: Maria Rimmel

RE: HB 95 Testimony

I would like to testify in favor of HB 95. As the 67 year old owner/operator of a small farm in Lake County Ohio, I believe this legislation will help faciliate the transfer of land to beginning farmers. I also believe it is essential that the state of Ohio support small-farm agriculture and do what it can to encourage ORGANIC agriculture

It will far better serve the residents of rapidly developing Lake County if some of its fertile land remains dedicated to producing fresh, local food and agricultural commodities. This bill is a small step in helping insure this happens into the future.

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