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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Roberta Manter, I live in Fayette, and I'm asking you to vote in favor of L.D. 636. I work part time for a local produce farm, and I see how hard these people work to grow healthy produce for members of our community. They have a farm stand where they sell their own vegetables and also sell a few items from neighboring farms, including fruit and dairy products. Everything they sell is of the highest quality, and you'd be hard put to get it any fresher unless you pick it out of your own garden outside your own kitchen door!

My daughter has a huge vegetable garden, and her kids are able to go out and pick fresh peas, tomatoes, broccoli, etc. and eat them right where they stand. Not every child is that lucky. Shouldn't we do our best to see that they get served fresh, healthy food at school? This bill will help our children grow healthy and strong, while assuring that our local farms also remain healthy and strong so they can continue to provide us with the freshest of food right here in our own communities. It's a win-win proposition.  
Thank you for supporting this bill.